

Tram tour

Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge will offer a tram tour to all visitors Saturday at 9 a.m. Visitors will not want to miss this rare opportunity to view the interior of the refuge and park during the closure period and admire migratory ducks, geese, swans and other wildlife. Space is limited to 24 spaces and reservations are required. Make reservations by calling the refuge, 721-2412, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants are encouraged to dress appropriately for the weather, and may wish to bring binoculars, field guides and cameras.

Seedling sale

The Virginia Dare Soil and Water Conservation District is holding its annual tree seedling sale Friday and Saturday at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center. This is an excellent opportunity to get seedling trees at very low cost. Loblolly Pine, VA-70 Shrub Lespedeza, Forsythia Lynwood Gold, Red Bud and Southern Waxmyrtle will be offered this year. Trees will be sold in bundles of five, with pricing ranging between \$2.50 and \$12.50. Order forms can be picked up at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center, Agriculture Building 14, Suite 103.

Park volunteers

First Landing State Park needs volunteers to assist in the annual March for Parks event scheduled for May 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The National Parks and Conservation Association sponsors the event. All of the funds raised will go towards a preservation project at First Landing State Park. The next volunteer meeting is scheduled for March 4 at 10 a.m. at the First Landing Visitor Center. Call 412-2308.

'Partners in Art'

The Old Coast Guard Station at 24th Street and Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach presents "Partners in Art," an exhibit of art by students at Linkhorn Park Elementary School and Thalia Elementary School. These two schools are partners with the museum in the Adopt-A-School program. The exhibit will be in the museum Lower Gallery from March 7 through April 2. This exhibit is included in general museum admission. The Old Coast Guard Station is at 24th Street and Atlantic Avenue in Virginia Beach.

Craft Jubilee

Spring is in the air! The Spring Craft Jubilee will take place on Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kempsville Recreation Center. Select from a wide variety of hand crafted items. Food will be sold on site. All ages are welcome. For further information call the Kempsville Recreation Center, 474-8492.

Folk concert

The Tidewater Friends of Folk Music (TFFM) Songwriter's Concert Series will present Slaid Cleaves — an Philo/Reunder recording artist Kerrville new folk winner and Americana radio chart topper — Friday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Francis Land House. Reservations are required. Call 431-4000. Admission is \$12, \$9 for TFFM memb. rs.

Shelter benefit

The HER Shelter and YWCA Women in Crisis Center will benefit from a special Virginia Stage Company production of "Othello" April 4 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Call 627-1234 for reservations.

Flight Fair 2000

The Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation's Special Event Season takes off with Flight Fair 2000 at Mt. Trashmore Park on March 25 from noon to 4 p.m. The event features kite building with a kite flying contest; stunt kite demonstrations; hang glider simulator; helicopter; boomerang demonstrations; radio control airplane display; and festival foods. For more information call, 471-5844.

The cat's meow

"The Cat's Meow 2000," the annual artists' tribute to the cat and a fundraiser for the Virginia Beach SPCA, opens March 3 at the Artists Gallery. This "purr-fectly" rendered group exhibition of feline art will delight allrophiles (cat lovers) everywhere and will be on view through March 28. The catalog will represent the works of more than 50 regional artists, rendered in a catophile's delight of oil, acrylics, water-color, glass, etchings, photography, pencil, fabric and sculpture. Don't miss the opening reception on Friday, March 3 from 6 to 9 p.m.

A day in the life: Beach's EMS crews ride road of health, help

Volunteer force talks candidly about issues

By Aune Kirk

Mike Bradberry's day is often similar to that of a driver of an 18-wheeler, a school bus or an ice cream truck.

"I ride the roads," he said. As a duty chief for Virginia Beach Emergency Medical Services (EMS) on Wednesday, Bradberry put in a long day — 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. He watched for accidents, talked on the radio, made frequent stops and brought plenty of smiles to waiting faces.

Bradberry also provided his services for free. As an EMS volunteer, he serves as a duty chief twice a month. He also puts in two additional 12-hour shifts working

on an ambulance or in some other function within the department.

Bradberry is an emergency medical technician (EMT) who has worked in the volunteer system for 28 years. He is also a paid federal firefighter who works at Dam Neck, a member of FEMA, is qualified to handle hazardous materials and be involved in all rescue, and teaches emergency vehicle operation.

"I like to do it and people need help," he said.

Bradberry began his volunteer work as a junior EMS member. The city gave him all of his training and he is content with it.

"I chose to stay with it because I like it and I meet lots of interesting people," he said.

As duty chief, Bradberry drove a Ford



AT THE SCENE. A Virginia Beach EMS crew works the scene of a truck accident Wednesday. Stabilizing injured victims is a top priority.

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Flynn finds False Cape phenomenal in February

By Bob Rueggeger

Correspondent

The sun rises and the sun sets. The tide rises and the tide falls. Seasons come and go. Such repetitive changes are rudiments in the rhythms of nature.

Russell "False Cape" Flynn recognizes them as the essential and vital signs — the very pulse of False Cape State Park.

Few things at the park remain the same for long. Other than Flynn's deep affection for False Cape State Park, the only other constant element is that of continual change. The key elements of sand, sea, and wind keep the park in a continual state of flux.

While the unseasoned eye of the casual observer may overlook some of the less dramatic transformations that are constantly taking place in one of Virginia's most remote state parks, little escapes False Cape Flynn's scrupulous attention to detail when he visits the park, and he calls frequently — winter, spring, summer or fall.

"What we have here at False Cape Park is a soil-making machine," explains Flynn. "Soil is constantly being created here with the mixture of sand and organic material that comes from the vegetation and animal life out here."

For 15 years, Flynn has been frequenting the park, observing and experiencing the environment, and learning just how the environment works.

"It's just a gorgeous place," he says. "Seeing all these processes at work does make the imagination work."

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RUSTED HULKS. The rusty remains of old automobiles are scattered throughout False Cape State Park. They make a comfortable resting spot for "False Cape" Flynn as he takes one of his frequent hikes through the park.

Local folks 'dig' artifact, fossil day

By Bob Rueggeger

Correspondent

Nothing excites the imagination in quite the same way that a mysterious relic from the past does.

Scores of curious local residents brought their fossils and artifacts Saturday to the Francis Land House, where the museum educators arranged for them to meet with experts from the Archaeological Society of Virginia (ASV).

Local folks brought their treasures to the Land House in boxes, buckets and

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FOUR MILLION YEARS OLD. Ed Bottoms, president of the Nansemond Chapter of the Archeological Society of Virginia, holds an example of the Virginia state fossil, the Chesapeakean jeffersonius, an ancient mollusk.

Back Bay spruces up for spring

Volunteer crews invaluable asset to national wildlife refuge efforts

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

It may be early, but spring is in full bloom at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

But it's not budding flowers and tender green shoots coming to life after a long winter.

The sure sign of spring is the steady tapping of hammers and constant grind of saws as volunteers from Chesapeake and Virginia Beach ready the refuge for the coming season.

The 7,000-acre refuge established in 1938 as a habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife draws another kind of animal — the two-legged variety who comes armed with tools and the muscle for hard labor.

On a warm, late February day, four weeks shy of the official start of spring, there's a flurry of activity at the tranquil southern end of Virginia Beach.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of this natural getaway.

"For some of us it's actually our third

day out here — we started out shoveling sand," said George Rothrock.

"Us" is actually a contingent of dedicated volunteers led by Reese Lukei who are rehabilitating the refuge's dune trail.

The raised wooden boardwalk, constructed in 1979, is suffering the ravages of time and nature, even vandalism. Walking the trail is a creaky experience, so Lukei and the team are tipping out old handrails and boards.

It's a jovial group, many of them Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club members, sustained by banter and doughnuts. They come out twice a week, sometimes more often.

How did they get to Back Bay?

"By knowing the wrong people!" Rothrock laughed. "I think we all have some connection to Reese."

The eclectic bunch includes several members from Chesapeake, some from Virginia Beach, and some who drive 45 minutes or more to get there.

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"DOING THE DUNE TRAIL." Volunteers from Chesapeake and Virginia Beach are pitching in to rehabilitate the dune trail constructed in 1978 at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

Commentary

DRIVING AND CELL PHONES

A dangerous mix

We always knew there was a good reason to hate cellular telephones.

Not only can they be a maddening intrusion during a quiet dinner date or an annoying way for your boss to track you down on the golf course, but now we find out they're downright dangerous.

A study reported in the *New England Journal of Medicine* shows that talking on a cell phone while driving is four times the risk of normal driving, which is one accident every 100,000 trips. Drinking a soda or lighting a cigarette is twice the risk.

Amazingly, driving while talking on a cell phone is the same risk as driving with a blood-alcohol limit at the legal limit — in other words, driving drunk.

Around the country, we do just about everything in our cars. Women put on makeup and men shave with electric shavers. We eat tacos, drink double cappuccinos, obsess about our failed love lives and listen to music blaring so loud that people in the next lane can't hear themselves think. Rarely do we just focus on driving. It's surprising there aren't more accidents.

So what should we do about this new cell phone threat? Nothing. Why pick a fight you won't win? The cell phone craze is only getting bigger. Pretty soon, there will be cellular personal computers for cars. A communications wristwatch is not far off. Yuppies will be talking to their Rolex.

Eventually, we'll all have communication implants in our frontal lobes.

One good thing about a cell phone is that if you run up a telephone pole in your car while arguing with your boss at work, you can quickly call an ambulance. You can't do that with a double cappuccino and a taco.



Letter to the editor

'The Paradox' of modern living

Editor,

We have a prosperous economy.
For that very reason, Wall Street is horrified.
We have a prosperous economy.
We must cut Social Security to save it.
We have a prosperous economy.
The number of homeless is growing.
We have more jobs than before.
Husband and wife have two each, and still not making it.
We have a prosperous economy.
Roads nationwide fall into disrepair.
We have a prosperous economy.
Bridges nationwide fall into disrepair.
Many consecutive months of economic growth.
And of industry shutdowns and layoffs.
We have a prosperous economy.
Credit card debt is astronomical.

We have a prosperous economy.
Environmentalists attack our technological and industrial base.
We have a prosperous economy.
And more personal bankruptcies and foreclosures.
We have a prosperous economy.
We lost the ability to go to the moon.
We have a prosperous economy.
Our schools are becoming war zones.
We have a prosperous economy.
Old diseases make comebacks, and new diseases arrive.
We have a prosperous economy.
And we must kill the old people to save it.
We have a prosperous economy.
There has been no such thing for the last 30 years.
To be continued...

Mark W. Walker
Chesapeake

Gotta have my 'Sopranos'

I have a confession.
I am a "Sopranos" addict.
Some folks are hooked on professional sports, others enjoy soap operas.

I go for the grit — the hard-as-nails, in-your-face drama of America's favorite Mafia family. For someone whose favorite television shows have always been the wholesome "Little House on the Prairie" and "The Waltons," this is quite a confession.

Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

watch too much television these days. Between chasing my 16-month-old, getting dinner on the table and maintaining some semblance of cleanliness in the house, television has taken a backseat to the bigger pressures of life.

When the tube goes on, it's usually after 9 p.m., just in time for my guilty pleasure.

I'll admit the HBO show is raw, but it's also a complex blend of characters, ongoing intrigue and plot twists with a hint of domestic life thrown in. I follow the lives of Tony and Carmela Soprano, their children Meadow and Anthony Jr. (A.J.) to those more familiar with the show), Livia, Junior, Christopher, Artie, Pussy, Dr. Jennifer Melfi and the other characters with the passion of someone looking up their own family tree.

If I miss "The Sopranos" Sunday night at 9, I feel something is amiss. Of course, the show airs again several nights during the week until the next episode, but I still like to see it when a new episode debuts.

I'll admit something else. I watch the repeats on those subsequent nights, though they don't usually air until 10, 11 or midnight.

Evan complains about this, of course, though he's the one who got me hooked on the show in the first place.

"The Sopranos" again?" he moans. "Didn't you just watch this last night?"

"Well, yes," I retort. "But I want to catch the finer points that I missed. They slip things by that you don't get the first time."

Of course, the third time the episode airs — that same week — Evan is utterly dismayed.

"Wait a minute. Didn't you watch this Sunday and Tuesday?" he wonders.

"Well, yes, I did," I groan. "But

I'll admit the HBO show is raw, but it's also a complex blend of characters, ongoing intrigue and plot twists with a hint of domestic life thrown in. I follow the lives of Tony and Carmela Soprano.

there's nothing else on."
By the fourth time I'm watching the episode, usually Saturday night, Evan is perplexed.

"C'mon, Vicky. You've seen this three times. How many times are you going to watch it?"

"I'm getting familiar with the dialogue and preparing for tomorrow night's new episode," I explain.

By the time "The Sopranos" airs again, I have the complete dialogue of the previous episode memorized (kind of like "Gone With the Wind" or "Dirty Dancing," each of which I've seen dozens of times).

And I always wait until the credits roll so I can get my taste of "next week on 'The Sopranos.'"

I don't know what drives my "indifference" with the show. I like the "Godfather" movies well enough, and I thought "Goodfellas" was, well, pretty good. "Analyze This" was a gas. The Mafia in general is captivating, but Evan has been hooked on Mafia movies long before I was.

But now I've surpassed him. I'll admit something else, but it's not the reason I'm hooked on the show. Though he's no typical box office heartthrob, I think James Gandolfini, who plays lead character Tony, is just plain sexy. Sure, he's overweight, balding and prone to fits of rage, but he's...well...Tony. Evan says it's the power which attracts women (Tony is the "street boss").

I'm not alone in my obsession with "The Sopranos." I've read countless articles on how women are throwing themselves at the cast's male characters and want to know where Carmela buys her clothes and get her hair done.

People even want to decorate their home just like Tony and Carmela's.

For the real junkies, there's a web site at atbo.com, where you can log on to the family tree and answer trivia questions. I haven't done that yet, but I'm sure I will.

Not sure "NYPD Blue" have people gone this crazy for a show, unless you count the new phenomenon "Who Wants to be a Millionaire." I like that one, too, but if I miss it it's no tragedy.

But there's no way I'll miss "The Sopranos." It's on my personal "hit" list.

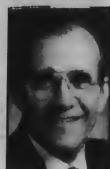
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An odd take on council actions

The old *Virginian-Pilot* got another chance to make the city of Chesapeake look bad with their lead editorial in the Feb. 24 edition titled



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist

Chesapeake City Council is dysfunctional, news came Wednesday of a bizarre agreement signed by the nine council members.

The word "dysfunctional" was used to imply that Chesapeake City Council is not performing the duties that they were elected to do. To the contrary, this council has worked hard to overcome problems that have existed for many years and much has been accomplished, but the *Virginian-Pilot* would have you believe otherwise.

Why the agreement was written I have no idea, but the mayor must have felt it was necessary or he wouldn't have written it. The lines of the agreement are puzzling, to say the least. The councilmembers agreed in writing not to:

- Threaten each other's family members.
- Physically threaten or otherwise intimidate each other.
- Intimidate and threaten city employees or deter them from their duties.

They also agreed to treat every citizen with respect.

The first draft of the agreement listed seven council members but omitted the names of Gene A. Waters and William H. Pierce, which could lead one to believe that they had been eliminated as the guilty ones.

But then the second and final agreement listed the names of Waters and Pierce, adding them to the list of possibilities. It would seem that it would have been better if the mayor had named the guilty party or parties that would have made it less mysterious so that some type of official action could be taken.

Signing a paper means nothing if a person has bad intentions. This situation has all of the ingredients of a sad tragedy. All over the nation we read every day where some disgruntled person shooting up their work place, killing many innocent people.

If physical threats have been made to harm fellow councilmen or members of their families, then perhaps it's time for the law enforcement people to get involved.

It may all be a misunderstanding, but if not then it's a serious matter that needs immediate attention before it is too late.

Welcome to the real world.

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Virginia education must stay strong in future

By Gov. Jim Gilmore

My fellow Virginians, we are standing at the dawn of a dynamic new age. At this time more than ever, we must continue to focus on improving Virginia's system of public education, from kindergarten through college.

More than four years ago, we began developing the Standards of Learning to ensure our students receive the basic knowledge, skills and abilities they need to compete in college and in the workplace. We must not retreat from high academic standards. Our children are too important for us to give up on their futures.

Academic standards are about accountability. They were put in place because our schools were graduating children who could not read or write well enough to fill out job applications. Some students were passed from grade to grade based on age rather than knowledge. Parents and families began to demand more and some began to lose faith in public education.

Now parents will know whether or not their children are being taught to read, write and do math, and whether or not their children will be equipped to work in the new economy we are creating. Our teachers, administrators, superintendents and schools can now be measured and held accountable by parents.

But we must keep providing schools and educators with the tools they need to help our children achieve. And I have budgeted over a half billion dollars to help do so. The money will be used to supply teachers and students with the latest technologies and allow every high school to give tests on computers nearer to the end of the school year to enhance their opportunity for success.

Virginia's goal must be to ensure that every student is able to read at the end of the third grade. I propose hiring new teachers to expand our Early Reading Intervention program. And I also propose a new program to ensure that every student is skilled in mathematics by the eighth grade.

Finally, we are establishing special assistance teams to work with the schools in greatest need. These teams will help identify the challenges that schools face and make specific recommendations to solve them.

A college education has helped me achieve my dreams. And I have an abiding belief that an opportuni-

ty for a college education should be available to all Virginians.

Last year, we made affordability a top priority, cutting tuition by 20 percent and giving the colleges increased funding to compensate. We must maintain this commitment to Virginia's parents and students. I am offering legislation to freeze tuition at our public colleges and universities for four years.

While making our colleges and universities more affordable, we have also made an unprecedented commitment to their quality. We have provided \$1.7 billion in new support for higher education in Virginia. And I am asking the legislature to build on this commitment by providing \$1.2 billion in new money over the next two years.

One of my most important initiatives is the establishment of the Technology Competitiveness Fund. I have set aside \$20 million to match federal or private research grants in science and technology. Today none of our colleges is able to compete consistently for these grants and the faculty and resources that come with them. Upgrading our research programs in key academic departments will modernize our workforce, entice industries to locate and expand in Virginia, and enhance our universities' national reputation.

Other specific proposals include the purchase of new research equipment for our colleges and universities and more money for technology and academic upgrades at George Mason University, in the center of our information technology community.

But we must ensure all of our college and universities advance together. Last year, we provided over \$10 million to enhance the quality of education at Virginia's two historically black universities, Norfolk State University and Virginia State University. This money made Virginia State the first Historically Black Land Grant University in America to be on par with other land grant colleges. This year, I am proposing that we provide an additional \$26 million for these two universities. There will be no second-class citizens in Virginia's system of higher education.

An excellent Virginia public school education — from kindergarten through law school — has helped me achieve my dreams. And I have an abiding belief that Virginia's public school system can help all our citizens learn, achieve and prosper.

Virginia Beach recorded some major accomplishments in '99

In January, we learned about some of the things that happened in Virginia Beach through economic development. Today, I would like to continue down memory lane by listing some of the other major accomplishments of the city of Virginia Beach during 1999.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberndorf

Inc., rated the city AA+.

■ We continued to dedicate more than half of the city's budget to supporting or public school system, the second largest in Virginia, and related youth and education programs, while fostering an environment of collaboration and cooperation.

■ We neared completion of two replacement schools, W.T. Cooke (now completed and in use) and Seaskat Elementary, completed the construction of New Castle Elementary, and began construction of High School 2001 in the Princess Anne Commons section of the city.

■ We worked in concert with Virginia Beach City Public Schools Administration and School Board in a successful collaborative effort to secure lottery funds to fund the school technology program. By working in cooperation with the School Board, we were able to develop a plan to modernize two schools per year, using not only existing bond authority, but also anticipated lottery proceeds recently permitted by the General Assembly.

In addition, School Instruction Technology needs have been addressed by the efforts of the Joint School Board/City Council committee. As a result, schools have funded their phased plan over the next eight years. This will provide more than 20,000 computers for the upgrade of classroom technology.

■ We began construction of the joint Pungo-Blackwater Library/Creeks Elementary School Modernization and Expansion Project, a first-of-its-kind cooperative venture between the city and the Virginia Beach City Public Schools which will provide expanded services to the southern part of the city.

■ Partnering with Old Dominion University and Norfolk State University, we opened the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center and finalized plans for the nearby Advanced Technology Center, a collaborative effort between the Commonwealth of Virginia, Tidewater Community College, Virginia Beach City Public Schools and the city. A genuine "Academic Village" is beginning to blossom in Princess Anne Commons.

■ We welcomed the full complement of 156 F/A-18 fighter planes, their crews and families to the city

and the region. The economic impact will be significant, and the commitment of these latest-model planes means the Navy's contributions to our area will continue for years to come.

■ Through creative partnerships we opened the PGA Tournament Players Club and Heron Ridge golf courses, adding major new course choices for residents and visitors alike. These two new initiatives will also enhance the city's reputation as a viable golf destination.

■ Red Wing, Bow Creek and Kempsville Greens golf courses were enhanced with more than \$425,000 worth of golf course maintenance equipment ordered for all three golf courses.

■ Early indications are that we hosted a record number of summer vacationers who left behind a record amount of tax dollars to help fund city operations. Hotel sales were the highest in 14 years and tourist spending was up about 7 percent.

Partnering with Old Dominion University and Norfolk State University, we opened the Virginia Beach Higher Education Center and finalized plans for the nearby Advanced Technology Center.

■ In a cooperative effort with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Commonwealth of Virginia, we opened the First Landing/Seashore Joint Visitor Center, which provides a focal point for the city's ecotourism programs.

■ Working in collaboration with the Hampton Roads Sanitation District, we completed the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan to improve management of this vital system throughout the city.

■ We were successful in having Route 44 re-designated as I-264, adding actual "interstate access" to the tools available for the city's economic development efforts and making the beach an easier to find destination for our visitors.

■ We invested in a state-of-the-art, computer-assisted emergency telephone response system to better serve citizens in times of greatest need. The new response system includes a computer-aided-dispatch system, an overall update to the city's public safety radio system and replacement of more than 400 old computer terminals with new computers in all police, fire and emergency response vehicles.

This major project, an investment of more than \$16 million, guarantees that citizens will continue to be able to call for emergency help and the city will be able to respond quickly.

recreation programming. Featured amenities will include a playground, scenic pathways with benches and a multipurpose area. A new entrance to the Bow Creek Municipal Golf Course will also be included in the park design. The Princess Anne Plaza Civic League and the Department of Parks and Recreation are working together to coordinate this community park project.

For further information call the Bow Creek Recreation Center, 431-3765.

City breaks ground on new Bow Creek park

The Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation will hold a ground breaking ceremony for the new Bow Creek Neighborhood Park Project on Saturday, March 11 at 3 p.m.

The ceremony will be held at the former site of the Bow Creek Motel off Club House Road. Mayor Meyer Oberndorf and councilmember Reba McClanahan will take part in the ceremony. A reception will follow the ceremony at the Bow Creek Recreation Center.

This new park project will provide additional open space for

Reebok University slates aerobic instructor seminar

Franny Benedetto, captain of the Franny Benedetto Performance Team and Master Trainer for Reebok University, will conduct a three-hour training workshop for aerobic instructors on Saturday, April 1 from noon to 3 p.m. at Kempsville Recreation Center.

This workshop will include step, hi/low and kickboxing combinations based on Step Reebok Guidelines and Reebok Rhythm Section.

Registration of \$55 is required by March 10, \$65 after March 10. No membership card required. For more information call Kempsville Recreation Center at 474-8492.

Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation provides for the recreational needs of the community through parkland, facilities and programs to enhance the quality of life in Virginia Beach. For more information call, 563-1100

Up close and personal

Reese Lukei: Back Bay volunteer

By Victoria Hecht Editor

Reese Lukei isn't about to let this beautiful day go to waste.

It's late February, but the temperature is hovering at 70 degrees. There's nary a cloud in the sky and a light breeze is coming off the water.

It's the perfect day to be at Back Bay, his home away from home — even if there is work to do.

But that's just fine with Lukei, a regular volunteer at Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge. He has been coming out here since 1974, and as long as there's work and the wild beauty of this natural place he'll keep coming.

"I started coming out here doing short hikes and picking up trash on the beach every once in a while," the Virginia Beach resident said.

"By 1976, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service formally had a policy that they could have volunteers. Before that time volunteers really weren't recognized on the refuge. By an act of Congress they were given the authority to use volunteers."

Lukei and other members of the Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club started with litter pickups, cleanups and maintenance. Then they made their mark with actual construction projects. The dune trail is one example.

Last year Lukei and a team constructed a fishing platform at the refuge for people with disabilities. He helped with the construction of an entrance ramp, handicapped-accessible picnic tables and boardwalk trails for the disabled.

Lukei's efforts earned him the 1999 Equal Employment Opportunity Special Performance Award.

His love affair with Back Bay has been lifelong.

"My wife and I are natives," said Lukei, who lives in Little Neck. "As kids we came down to Sandbridge while in high school. Both of us were in Methodist youth groups and had picnics here."

"My wife has a natural interest in it being a genealogist, because her family was the original English settlers at Knotts Island. We have a natural interest in this area."

A retired CPA, Lukei's visits to Back Bay — whether for work or play — are a great escape from the metropolitan hustle and bustle.

"It's a good way to get away from the honey-do list," he grinned. "It just gets longer and longer!"

But he can't escape entirely from the "honey-do's." There are plenty of tasks to be done at the refuge, and the current project is a challenge.

Lukei and a team of volunteers are currently making renovations to the dune trail. Some damages are the result of natural deterioration. Unfortunately, vandals have also done their share.

"It'll take us about four weeks to do the section we need to do — that is, until the money gives out," he said. "This was built in 1979, so it's 20 years old. The decking and handrails have gotten to be a safety concern. It'll probably take us about four weeks doing a 24-foot section a day."

Their work brings them out at least twice a week, but with a good stretch of weather it could be more often.

"It's not really an excuse to get out of the house. It's a good reason," he noted.

Lukei's volunteer work doesn't end there. The Old Dominion University graduate is a frequent lecturer to local groups, giving talks on myriad topics including hawks and trails — both of which he is an expert. Lukei was instrumental in the establishment of the American Discovery Trail, America's first coast-to-coast hiking and riding trail which opens this year.

"It has been a year-round effort for the past 10 years, sometimes 100 hours a week," he said. "I've built up a lot of frequent flyer miles working on it."

Lukei has hiked in all 50 states, every province and territory of Canada (except Newfoundland) and seven countries in Europe. He hiked the entire Appalachian Trail and performed volunteer trail projects in 20 states.

To visit each station to speak personally with the career, college or military representatives.

According to Sally Holloman, an event organizer, "Once again, the community is being very supportive and generous with their time and expertise. We are extremely fortunate to have more than 100 representatives from business, the military and education participate in Career Connection to talk with our students and their parents. We anticipate approximately 1,500 people will take advantage of the opportunity to network and speak with these representatives about future career and educational plans."

Holloman adds that "This year's event includes an added element — we are folding into Career Connection the same kinds of opportunities we had offered at Job-A-Rama,



He has trapped and banded more than 14,000 raptors.

Lukei's accolades include the American Hiking Society James A. Kern Award for outstanding service to the trail community, Daughters of the American Revolution National Conservation Award and Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer of the Year.

Name: Reese Lukei.

What brought you to this area: The storm.

Hometown: Born in Norfolk, grew up (sort of) in Princess Anne County.

Nickname: Never had one.

Occupation: Retired CPA.

Marital Status: Married for 41 years to Melinda.

Children: Debi, Rick and David.

Favorite movie: What is a movie?

Magazines I read regularly: Backpacker, National Geographic, North American Birds, Opera News and Money.

Favorite author: No specific one.

Favorite night out on the town: Quiet dinner with Melinda.

Favorite restaurant: Lynnhaven Fish House.

Favorite meal and beverage: Peanut butter and cherry preserves sandwich and a root beer.

What most people don't know about me: I was a professional musician for 15 years.

Best thing about myself: I do what I say I will do.

Worst habit: Very impatient.

Pets: None.

Hobbies: Music.

Ideal vacation: Backpacking in the boondocks.

Pet peeves: Waiting for people who are late.

First job: Delivering civic league newsletters.

Least liked job: Never had one.

Favorite sports teams: ODU men's and women's basketball.

Favorite musicians: Angela Gheorghiu, Roberto Alagna, Renée Fleming and Barry Tucker.

Most embarrassing moment: My wife had a job many years ago and was always late getting off. One evening after waiting and waiting I stormed into her office to tell her she had not come to work because she was home sick.

How I would like to be remembered: That I made a difference.

If I received \$1 million: I would support my favorite non-profit organizations.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would talk about the proactive health and benefits of trails.

Students connect at 'Career Connection'

an annual career fair held in during the school day, strictly for high school seniors. We decided it made better sense to combine the two events, thereby capitalizing on our available resources. We are also eager to impress on our students and their parents that education/career planning begins early and should be viewed as a continuum."

Business and marketing, engineering and technology, the fine arts, health and human services are some of the fields represented. In addition, city agencies, military representatives and college educators will participate. Refreshments will be available and door prizes will be offered to those attendees who complete an evaluation form.

For more information about Career Connection: Transition to the Future, call Sally Holloman, 474-8641 or Jinxy Poniatowski, 426-5724.

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Flynn finds February at False Cape phenomenal

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Flynn regards False Cape State Park as a less mature marine forest environment than First Landing Seashore State Park at Cape Henry.

"It's far more advanced than the False Cape area," Flynn says.

"At Seashore State Park you, have such an immense dune system that has gone through such a process that the soil is so rich that the hardwoods are growing back there—particularly an assortment of oaks and hickories," he observes. "That is so established that you're not going to see any dune movement back there any more."

False Cape, on the other hand, is a still maturing marine forest ecosystem in which the "duning up" process is dynamic, and the dunes actually continue to migrate continually with the shifting sand. Severe weather—from a northeast storm or hurricane—frequently wreak havoc with the fragile primary, secondary, and tertiary dune lines.

"Here we see the dunes rising in the back area, and how the vegetation secures them. We can see how their by-products the pine needles, leaves, and dead limbs are constantly producing more enriched soil," Flynn explains.

Ocean winds from the Atlantic blow additional sand over the already nutrient enriched earth, cover the scrub brush, and topple trees which eventually decompose, contributing more nourishment to sandy forest floor.

While the elements take a toll on the dunes, marsh grasses, and trees within the boundaries of the park, it's all part of the master plan. Given enough time Nature heals herself from her own fury and the wrath of man.

"The marsh grass was blown down during one of the storms that came through here. It was completely obliterated, flattened down," recalls Flynn.

"But the shoots came back and now you've got this 10- to 12-foot marsh grass with beautiful plumes on the top of it blowing in the wind," he says. "It makes this part of the sound so aesthetically pleasing."

"Forty years ago—before the park existed—there was a settlement at False Cape. People lived, worked and died here," Flynn explains.

Throughout the park, the rusted remnants of junked cars and trucks are scattered. The foundations of the old buildings and the trash pits of False Cape fishermen are uncovered and reburied by the wind-blown sand which forms and reforms secondary and tertiary dune lines.

"There's still quite a bit of evidence of previous human occupation here at False Cape State Park," notes Flynn. "Nature has completely taken over. It has come back in full force. The trees are growing right up through the middle of old cars."

"One day," says Flynn, "you're going to have your hardwoods here if the ocean allows it. False Cape is in constant change. That reality never changes."

"The change is in the death and rebirth of all the vegetation. The dunes are moving—they never stay in one place for any length of time," notes Flynn. "Every time you come back here, there's a different look."

"The wild animals that roam the park—horses, pigs, raccoons—also make a valuable contribution to enriching the environment. The living creatures uplift the soil by depositing their waste throughout the park, and the decomposing bodies of dead animals supply the ground with still more nutrients."

"The animals have a positive ef-



Photo by Bob Rueggesser

TRAIL TO ADVENTURE. Every visit to False Cape is an adventure for Russell "False Cape" Flynn.



WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE. But not a drop to drink. That is, of course, unless you purchase bottled water at False Cape State Park's Contact Station.

fect for the most part," says Flynn. "The omnivores, like the raccoons, eat the berries. When they defecate, they disperse the seeds in different spots around the park."

Back in the forest, the pigs root for acorns from the saltwater oaks, turning the soil with their snouts; on the other hand, the pigs can be somewhat destructive when they move into the park's marshy areas.

"February, in my opinion, is one of the best times of the year at False Cape," Flynn contends.

"On a bright, sunny day in February, False Cape Park is as beautiful as anywhere on the planet," he adds.



ANCIENT SHIPWRECK. False Cape Flynn inspects the shattered remains of an ancient shipwreck near False Cape.



Flynn KNOWS THE PARK RULES. This sign at False Cape lists the park rules. Long ago, "False Cape" Flynn committed the park rules to memory.

Naturalist come face to face with Terra-Gator

By Bob Rueggesser
Correspondent

It was False Cape Flynn's worst nightmare. It haunted his dreams and stirred his imagination. It even had the audacity to interrupt his precious solitude.

Although Flynn had no real fear of the beast, he has never really relished the prospect of their first encounter. It was simply not the kind of meeting that a man of Flynn's temperament tends to savor.

Flynn, in his heart of hearts, had always known that someday he would meet the diesel-powered, aluminum monster head on, face-to-face.

And he has—very recently—had a close encounter with the demon diesel called the Terra-Gator.

The Terra-Gator is the ultimate ATSV (all-terrain-sports-utility-vehicle) that the state began using to transport visitors to False Cape State Park during the winter months.

Those who know the nature of Flynn's soul and his conservative stance when it comes to preserving nature understand instinctively that there can never be any love lost between Flynn and the Terra-Gator.

"It's not natural. It's out of place. It's an oxymoron. It doesn't belong," said Flynn.

"But I can understand that for evacuation there is a need to have that kind of thing," he conceded magnanimously. "Perhaps riding that thing will become a tourist attraction," he speculated.

"Even so, when you get to False Cape, you're still going to have to walk. So what's the point? Why not walk down here?"

Not everyone views the Terra-Gator as Flynn sees it.

"It's a one-of-a-kind vehicle," notes Dennis Baird, one of the Terra-Gator's operators. "It was built specifically for use within

the park and for use as an emergency evacuation vehicle," he added.

This solidly-built vehicle has the capacity to haul 36 people and their luggage.

"Most of it, I believe, is aluminum," said Baird. "It's a terrific vehicle."

Although the Terra-Gator generally cruises down the beach at speeds between 10 and 15 miles per hour, it is capable of going a little faster.

While the vehicle is certainly capable of traveling in shallow water, the operators try to keep it out of the water whenever they can.

"It's a maintenance type thing," said Baird. "It's like anything else, the more saltwater you have on it, the faster it's going to deteriorate."

Baird's view of the Terra-Gator contrasts with Flynn's, but their perspectives on nature are surprisingly similar.

"False Cape State Park is the best kept secret in the world. People just don't know it's here," said Baird. "It's one of the last pristine places in this area. It's an area to be by yourself with nature."

Flynn was not at all enthusiastic about the Terra-Gator; however, he was favorably impressed by the monster's operator, Dennis Baird.

"His concepts about nature are very much like mine," observes Flynn. "He finds pleasure in solitude and enjoys his weekend in the park the same way that I do as a park visitor."

Behind the beards and sunglasses and under the baseball caps, Flynn and Baird came to a meeting of minds. Although Baird offered Flynn a ride back to the refuge parking lot in the Terra-Gator, Flynn declined and indicated that he preferred to walk the four miles for the exercise.

Flynn was not about to embrace the Terra-Gator so quickly.



Photo by Bob Rueggesser

MEETING OF THE MINDS. Dennis Baird, Terra-Gator operator, left, meets naturalist False Cape Flynn.

FRUIT in concert for Performing Arts Society

FRUIT, a new band from down under, takes the stage at Virginia Beach Pavilion Theater on Saturday, March 18 at 8 p.m. The performance is part of Tidewater Performing Arts Society's 1999-2000 series, as well as a stop on the group's six-week North American tour.

Formed in Adelaide, Australia in 1995, FRUIT plays a bright, tight and exhilarating blend of acoustic-based pop and funk, flavored with an occasional twist of latin or squall of punk aggression. Comprised of five members, FRUIT is led by three heart-thumping, hard-hitting female vocalists, two of which wield acoustic and electric guitars, while the third serves as a one-woman brass and woodwind section. The group's three passionate songwriters, Mel Watson, Sam Lohs and Susie Keynes sing from the soul about life and living, with positive themes of hope, discovery and self-expression.

FRUIT has recorded three CDs and has performed throughout Australia, Brazil, Germany and in British Columbia. This year, after their North American tour, they are slated to perform in the United Kingdom, Singapore, at the 2000 Olympic performances in Sydney and at Expo 2000 in Hanover, Germany. FRUIT is the winner of four South Australian Music Industry

Association (SAMIA) Awards.

Single tickets may be purchased at The Virginia Stage Company box office (627-1234) located at the corner of Tazewell Street and Monticello Avenue in downtown Norfolk or at First Virginia Bank locations. Single tickets are \$9, \$18, \$22 and \$24. To purchase group tickets for FRUIT call, 627-2314.

Explore 17th-century living

Celebrate Women's History month and learn what life was like for women in 17th-century Virginia.

Explore the daily lives of women and the routines used to maintain and run a household in the 1600s. A special tour "To Be A 17th-century Woman," will be conducted every Saturday in March (March 4, 11, 18 and 25) at 2 p.m. at the Adam Thoroughgood House in Virginia Beach.

This 17th-century site and its extraordinary collection will provide the perfect springboard for discussion. Admission is adults \$3.50; senior citizens \$3; students (13 plus) \$2.50; children (6 to 12) \$2. The Adam Thoroughgood House is located at 1636 Parish Rd. Call 431-4000 for information and reservations.

TIME'S RAYAGES. The rusty remains of old automobiles are scattered throughout the park.

HEALTH TIPS

■ Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Breast Cancer Support Group meeting on Monday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department. This free service for breast cancer patients offers both educational and emotional support. The support group meets on the second Monday of every month. For more information call, 395-8686.

■ Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a Cancer Support Group meeting on Monday, March 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department. This free service for cancer patients and their families offers both educational and emotional support. The support group meets on the third Monday of every month. For more information call, 395-8686.

■ The Diabetes Center at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital will hold a support group meeting on Tuesday, March 21 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Health Education Center, located across from the hospital's Emergency Department. This free service for people with diabetes and their families offers both educational and emotional support. For more information call, 395-8836.

■ Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital, in cooperation with the American Cancer Society, will hold a prostate cancer support group meeting, Man to Man, on Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hospital Cafeteria. Men to Man meets each month. Men diagnosed with prostate cancer and their family members are invited to attend. Call 395-8686 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ROWS slate fashion show

The Retired Officers' Wives Society (ROWS) will host a fashion show at its luncheon meeting on March 9 in the Colonial Room at Fort Story Officers' Club. The social hour will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. Reservations may be made by mailing a check payable to ROWS for \$11.50 to Jean Vollmer, 3558 Shore Dr., #809, Virginia Beach, VA 23455-1716. Checks must be received by March 3. Guests and new members are welcome.

DAC slates meet

The March 4 meeting of the Rev. Robert Hunt Chapter, National Society Daughters of American Colonists, will be held at Sam's Seafood Restaurant, 23 Water St. in Hampton at 11 a.m. Order from the menu. The program will be Roy Allen Dudley, president of "The Order of Cape Henry 1607."

St. Andrew's Society

The Saint Andrew's Society of Tidewater will meet and dine Monday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Steinheiser's Thalia Acres Inn, 653 Thalia Rd. in Virginia Beach. Prospective members are welcome to attend also. Call 430-2646 or 721-3052 for additional information.

St. Patty's party

Get in the spirit of the "Ole Irish" at Great Neck Recreation Center's St. Patty's Day Blowout on Friday, March 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. A variety of activities, food and fun will be offered. Center members ages 7 or older are welcome to participate for a cost of \$2 per person. Reservations are required by March 10. For more information call, 496-6766.

UMW fashions

Fashions by The Country Store in Virginia Beach will be modeled by United Methodist Women of Virginia United Methodist Church of 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 in the Fellowship Hall of the Church, 212 Nineteenth St. A nursery will be provided at 6:30 p.m. Price is \$5 and includes show, dessert and coffee. Call 428-3714 for tickets.



I LOVE CHICKEN FEET. Susan Holler of Colonial Williamsburg's Foodways Department prepares chicken feet with forcemeat. Holler contends that chicken feet are the most flavorful part of the chicken.

Chicken feet aren't really 'fowl'

Ordinarily, I don't believe in premonitions or precognition, but I have an occasional experience that causes me to re-evaluate my conservative position on such psychic issues.

Last Saturday morning I woke up with a old rhyme — the time is always the same — from one of those traditional talking blues standards running through my head:

Out in Left Field

By Bob Rueggeger, columnist

rich folks' yard.
She kills chickens and sends me the feet.
"I'm workin' but I'm layin' asleep."

It has been at least 10 years or more since I have even thought about that song. The verse that kept running through my head all morning was done by Little Tommy Rush, a New England folksinger who started out on Elektra Records. That was in an era when a real folksinger had to depend on acoustic instruments. Electric instruments were simply not allowed, but Bob Dylan eventually changed all that:

Why should I be workin' so hard?
I got me a girl in the rich folks' yard.

It was cold and raining that morning when I left my home in Virginia Beach and headed north to Williamsburg, but I have never judged a day by the weather. Some of my most memorable experiences have taken place during the foulest weather. Over the years, I've become an incurable optimist because I can't bear to cancel my plans because of a little bad weather — no rain, no rainbows.

It was cold and raining that morning when I left my home in Virginia Beach and headed north to Williamsburg, but I have never judged a day by the weather.

When I reached Lee Hall in Newport News, the weather began to change. The rain turned into snow. "What luck!" I thought. I might have the opportunity to photograph Williamsburg in the snow:

She kills chickens and sends me the feet.
"I'm workin' but I'm walkin' the street."

When I arrived in Williamsburg, the snow was really coming down. I parked near The Capitol and decided to hike Dog Street (Duke of Gloucester) in the snow. It was wonderful. I practically had the Historic Area to myself. I stopped at the Powder Magazine in Market Square to photograph the snow-covered cannon, and then I picked up a Colonial Williamsburg "Visitor's Companion" at the Lumber House next to the Greenhow Store.

I got me a girl in the rich folks' yard.
She kills chickens and sends me the feet.

According to my "Visitor's Companion," George Washington was featured in a program at the Governor's Palace, so I headed north on the Palace Green. It was still early, and I stopped by the George Wythe House on my way.

She kills chickens and sends me the feet.

Since I arrived at the Palace about 20 minutes early, I decided to drop by the governor's kitchen before the

Washington program. Two women from CW's Foodways Department were preparing fare for the governor and his guests. Radiating outward from the center of a snow-white plate were chicken feet. I couldn't believe it. Imagine that — the Royal Governor of Virginia reduced to eating chicken feet! Mon Dieu!

She kills chickens and sends me the feet.

I started in disbelief. After recovering my composure, I asked the woman peeling the chicken feet and her companion if they had ever heard the song about chicken feet. They stared at me for a moment in astonishment, and then they asked me to share the song with them.

Why should I be workin' so hard?
I got me a girl in the rich folks' yard.

She kills chickens and sends me the feet.

Thinks I'm workin' but I'm layin' asleep.

While the ladies may have been suitably impressed with the lyrics, the expressions on their faces indicated that the quality of my vocal presentation left a little to be desired. Apparently, I was out of practice. No one has ever asked me to sing that song. They probably thought that I was pulling their legs.

Susan Holler was engaged in the preparation of an 18th-century delicacy called chicken feet with forcemeat (dressing). She went on to explain that the each chicken claw would be stuffed with dressing and presented with the feet radiating from the center of the plate, claw end out.

According to Holler, chicken feet are far from foul; they are, in fact, the most flavorful part of America's favorite fowl.

I'm strictly a leg man. Give me drumsticks. They're the best part of the chicken as far as I'm concerned, but I've decided to reserve final judgment until after I've tried chicken feet — with or without forcemeat.

I think I'll stop by Farm Fresh on my way home.

She kills chickens and sends me the feet.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

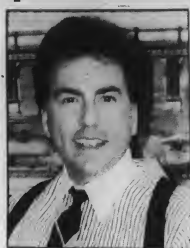
Ricketts joins Large as VP of operations

Mark Houston Ricketts has joined W.P. Large Inc. as vice president of operations. Ricketts was formerly employed by the city of Virginia Beach as senior project manager and supervisor of the Planning Department's Development Services Center.

A Virginia Beach native, Ricketts graduated from Bayside High School and earned his bachelor's in civil engineering from Virginia Tech in 1984. He has been registered in the state of Virginia as a professional engineer since 1989 and as a registered land surveyor since 1991.

He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Beach Municipal Employees Federal Credit Union.

W.P. Large Inc. was established in Norfolk in 1960 as Wilfred P. Large, Certified Land Surveyor, by



Mark Houston Ricketts

the company's founder and namesake and has grown from two to 30 employees over the past 40 years. The firm has been based in Virginia Beach since 1978.

Smithwick named to TAF Group directorship

Robert B. Smithwick has been elected to serve on the TAF Group's board of directors. He joined the full service design and real estate development services firm in late January as executive vice president and chief development officer for the company. The appointment is effective immediately and Smithwick is expected to serve out his initial term through January 2003.

A retired Texaco executive, Smithwick served more than 30 years with that company and later became executive director of the Industrial Development Authority and the director of development for the city of Norfolk. He served in that capacity for 10 years and was instrumental in bringing significant numbers of new jobs and private investment into the community.

Smithwick was responsible for the development of large numbers of properties in the Norfolk County Park, the Industrial Development Park, the Lake Wright Center and the downtown corridor. He was

the architect of the establishment of Harbor Park, bringing MacArthur Center to the community, attracting USAA and many other companies to the city of Norfolk and the region.

Subsequent to his retirement from the city of Norfolk in 1996, Smithwick opened the Branwick Group Ltd., a company on which he serves as president and chief executive officer in downtown Norfolk. He remained there until he accepted the position of president and chief operating officer of the Wayne County, North Carolina, Economic Development Commission.

During his Texaco tenure, Smithwick served as division and regional manager, general sales manager, general manager and vice president in U.S. operations. He also served as chairman-elect of the Highway Users Federation in Washington.

In January 1999, Smithwick joined the city of Portsmouth as executive consultant prior to joining The TAF Group.

Progressive Graphics wins top accolades

For the seventh time in the past eight years, Printing Industries of Virginia (PIVA) presented the Dietz Award to Progressive Graphics Inc. of Virginia Beach.

The Dietz Award recognizes Progressive Graphics as the highest quality producer of custom printed products among Virginia printers employing between 15 and 45 employees with two and four-color presses.

Progressive Graphics also received a record 20 first place awards and 71 awards of excellence, as well as a special Judges Choice Award or a 12-page, six-color, commemorative "Art of Glass" booklet for the Contemporary Arts

Center of Virginia Beach. This entry was considered to be one of the best entries in the competition.

In addition, Progressive Graphics was recognized as One of the Top Ten Printing Companies in the State of Virginia for the past 10 years.

"There are honors are we are particularly proud of, especially considering our size, the depth of competition and today's demands on service," says Jerry Williams, president of Progressive Graphics.

A full service printing company, Progressive Graphics was founded in 1981. It currently has 29 employees and serves regional, national and international clients.

Management skills are the 'Building Blocks of Success'

VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads, the region's nonprofit resource center, and the American Society for Training and Development (ASTD) are sponsoring a nonprofit management workshop entitled "The Building Blocks of Success" on Tuesday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk.

Designed to help the staffs of area nonprofit organizations enhance their abilities to provide critical services to the community through a greater understanding of essential management skills, the

workshop fee is \$50 for members of VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads and ASTD and \$75 for nonmembers.

Workshop presenters will cover topics such as grant writing, strategic planning, fund raising, board development, outcome measurements and communications. The deadline to register is Tuesday, March 7.

For more information or to receive registration forms call VOLUNTEER Hampton Roads, 624-2400.

TCC celebrates Women's History Month in March

Tidewater Community College's Women's Center and Student Activities present "1900-2000: An Extraordinary Century for Women — Now, Imagine the Future!" for National Women's History Month in March, showcasing a number of special events, which are free and open to the public.

■ Monday, March 13, Help! I Hate My Body. A New Millennium Approach to Changing How You Feel About Your Body. 11 a.m. to noon. The Whitehurst Building, Room 2057, Chesapeake campus. Refreshments will be served. Panelists Janet Marvel, Springer, Cynthia Horen and Kaaren Ancarrow discuss new information about an old problem — how women feel about their bodies.

■ Thursday, March 14, Our Common Fire: Women's Issues As Global Issues. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., The Martin Building, 5th Floor, Moss Campus, Norfolk. Refreshments will be served.

What are the critical issues facing women on a global scale? Mary Pat Liggio, coordinator of the TCC Women's Center, will talk about these and other issues linking women in the developed world with those in developing countries.

■ Tuesday, March 21, Family

and Work Panel. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Learning Resource Center, Room B-100, Virginia Beach campus. Refreshments will be served.

Mary Pat Liggio, coordinator of the Women's Center, will moderate a panel discussion on how the movement of women into full-time careers in the paid workforce will impact not only the workplace at the turn of the century but the family and relationships as well. Phyllis Milloy, TCC's dean of finance, will represent a single parent's perspective; Sharon McDonald, commissioner of revenue, city of Norfolk, and Dave McDonald, a mediator and director of The Mediation Center of Hampton Roads, will represent a working couple's perspective; Sandra Quarles, a licensed clinical social worker, will address the subject from her professional experience as a counselor; and Shelly Holly, single, engaged and a recent college graduate who is about to begin grad school, will represent the young single woman's perspective.

■ Wednesday, March 22, Voices of Women in Religion: Our Journeys to Leadership. noon to 1 p.m., The Martin Building, fifth floor, The Moss Campus, Norfolk. Bring your lunch; drinks provided. Rev. Yvonne Delk, the first

African-American woman to be ordained in the United Church of Christ and the first woman and first African-American to become executive director of the United Church of Christ's Office of Church in Society, will share her journey to a leadership position in the UCC. Ebony magazine named Rev. Delk "one of America's Greatest Women Preachers."

■ Thursday, March 23, It's Still Your Body! Women's Health Issues In The New Millennium. 7 to 9 p.m., The Martin Building, fifth floor, Moss Campus, Norfolk. Refreshments will be served.

A variety of women's health issues in 2000 will be discussed by Suzanne Caton, certified human sexuality educator and adjunct professor at Tidewater Community College; Susie Rodriguez from Planned Parenthood; Beverly, Ph.D., from Thomas Nelson Community College; and Dr. Annie L. Williams who will address the health issues of black women.

■ Wednesday, March 29, Georgia O'Keeffe: Outstanding Artist of the 20th Century. 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (presentation), 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. (question and answer session). The Beazley Building, Room 310, Portsmouth Campus, Refreshments will be served.

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Warm up for spring at the Marine Science Museum

Winter is far from over, but Virginia's marine life is already preparing for spring. This time of year, a visit to the Virginia Marine Science Museum is a great way to see first-hand how the marine environment anticipates and adapts to a shift in the weather.

The museum's wide variety of indoor and outdoor experiences help visitors interpret the impact of seasonal changes through aquariums, live animal habitats, hands-on exhibits, a self-guided nature walk and interpretive programs.

■ Missing this will really sting! Hundreds of unusual and beautiful sea jellies will surface in Jellies: Dancers of the Deep. This year-long exhibit will shatter myths, promote awareness and put jellies at the top of nature's "Most Admired List." You won't get stung, but you will be enchanted by the graceful movement and delicate form of these mesmerizing creatures including the moon jelly, lion's mane and Portuguese man-of-war, among many others. Free with museum admission.

■ Get up close and personal with the least undeveloped salt marsh in Virginia Beach aboard the Coastal Explorer, a pontoon boat program sponsored by the Virginia Marine Science Museum. Beginning in March, the Coastal Explorer embarks on half-hour tours with museum educators on board to narrate the natural dramas of Ows Creek Salt Marsh. Trips depart daily with up to 50 passengers from the Virginia Marine Science Museum dock. Creek cruises for groups can also be scheduled. For information about schedules and rates call, 437-6000.

■ The Virginia Marine Science Museum brings the Chesapeake

Bay ashore and into the hands of visitors in Bay Lab, a hands-on educational laboratory in Virginia Beach's First Landing State Park. Located within the environmentally-focused Chesapeake Bay Visitor Center, its aquariums, environmental exhibits and wet lab provide an unforgettable learning experience ideal for families and groups. Bay Lab can be accessed from the park's bay-side entrance on Shore Drive/Route 60.

■ They contain the promise of the future — so it only makes sense that they come in so many different protective packages, and that so many animals would guard them with their lives. What could be so precious, yet so fragile? Eggs—actly...EGGS! Learn about the eggs-citing world of eggs and the animals who make them in Eggsra-ordinary Eggs, a Discovery Room exhibit open daily March 11-28. Free with museum admission.

■ Who says dolphins don't know how to have fun? Renowned photographer and world traveler Ronn Marates displays his spectacular work during Dolphin Days from April 1 through Sept. 30. His photographs capture the playful behaviors of bottlenose dolphins — spyhopping, lobtailing, breaching and surfing — right here in Virginia's coastal waters.

■ Gear up for American Wetlands Month by discovering what makes wetlands wonderlands during Ows Creek Week, April 22-30. Up-close experiences with marsh animals, creekside programs, guest speakers, and wet-n-wild activities all are included with admission to the Virginia Marine Science Museum.

■ The Virginia Marine Science

Museum's six story high by eight story wide Family Chaud IMAX Theater helps museum visitors get the big picture when it comes to nature. As of Jan. 15, the new 3D movie "Galapagos" began a seven-month run through Aug. 31.

This production teams Smithsonian Institute scientists with IMAX film crews to produce a breathtaking adventure which explores the biological diversity and unique geologic history of the Galapagos archipelago. Using the magic of IMAX 3D technology, plunge 3,000 feet into the ocean, soar over the peaks of volcanoes and encounter an abundance of marine life. Also showing throughout 2000 is the 3D underwater feature "Into the Deep" and the 2D favorite "Island of the Sharks."

■ Complementing the Galapagos IMAX film, wildlife photographer and adventurer Michael Pogany takes museum visitors on a photographic excursion to the exotic Galapagos Islands in the Galapagos Gallery. His breathtaking pictures are on display from Jan. 8 through March 26, providing a virtual passport into a world forgotten by time. Free with museum admission.

The Virginia Marine Science Museum is the state's largest and one of the most attended aquariums in the nation. In 1997, it was named "Travel Attraction of the Year" by the Southeast Tourism Society. The museum focuses on Virginia's marine life with more than 800,000 gallons of aquariums and live animal habitats, and more than 300 hands-on exhibits.

Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended summer hours, 425-FISH (3474) for more information.

LIBRARY NOTES

■ The Pungo-Blackwater Library (922 Princess Anne Road, 426-5194) presents a preschool six-week storytime series on Thursdays, March 9 through April 13 at 11 a.m. Join Miss Kim for storytime fun with stories, songs and activities. For children ages 3 to 5 years.

■ The Pungo-Blackwater Library (922 Princess Anne Road, 426-5194) presents a "Romance Readers" Group discussion on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Join for an informative, fun time.

■ The Kempville Area Library (832 Kempville Road) storytelling staff presents a six-week storytime series on these dates: Thursdays, March 9-April 13, at 2:30 p.m.; Fridays, March 10-April 14, at 10:15 a.m.; and Fridays, March 10-April 14, at 11:15 a.m. Each storytime will include 30 minutes of stories, songs and activities. For children, ages 3 to 5 years. Call 474-8406 to register beginning March 2. Participation limited to 25 children per session.

■ The Virginia Beach Genealogical Society presents two genealogical resources tours to be held at the Central Library's Local History/Genealogy Section (4100 Virginia Beach Blvd.) on Thursday, March 2 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

UDC will meet

Pickett-Buchanan Chapter United Dialects of the Confederacy will meet on March 16 at Cypress Point Country Club, 5340 Club Head Rd. in Virginia Beach. The speaker will be Billie Ernest on "The Life of Mrs. La Salle Pickett." For information and reservations call, 489-8340.

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE SALE

628 Aylesbury Drive

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Allen J. Teider dated September 20, 1991 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3019, page 1984, securing a loan which was originally \$82,050.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 17, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 8, Block C, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Amhurst Phase IIB, Bayside Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia." Tax Map #1467-59-6121-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Between 8 - 11 AM

Nectar Projects, Inc. Substitute Trustees 751 Miller Drive, Suite G1 Leesburg, Virginia 20175 (703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

1048 Cedar Forest Drive Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Kenneth J. Maurer and Kimberly A. Maurer dated December 23, 1993 and recorded in the

5242 Vestry Drive

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from James G. Wheeler and Cynthia E. Wheeler dated May 14, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3739, page 1989, securing a loan which was originally \$170,900.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 17, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 77, Block A, as shown on that certain plat known as "Subdivision of Fairfield, Section Five," Tax Map #1466-68-0350-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$16,900.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

458 Hill Meadow Drive Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Stacy B. Martin and Lawrence W. Martin Jr. dated July 29, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3927, page 1018, securing a loan which was originally \$44,250.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 17, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 30, Block B, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Resubdivision of Lots 1-27 (M 129, P 12) Hiltop South, Lynnhaven Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia." Tax Map #2407-96-9764-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$4,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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Public Notice

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1048 Cedar Forest Drive Virginia Beach, VA

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Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3326, page 2116, securing a loan which was originally \$75,550.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 17, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 43, as shown on the plat of Subdivision of Haven Estates, Section 2. Tax Map #1466-32-8188-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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Landing Road (GPIN #1483-63-0099). Said parcel is located at 3028 Heffington Drive and contains 4.903 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Hampton Roads Junior Golf Foundation for a Conditional Use Permit for a golf course on certain property located on the east side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 1570 feet more or less south of Winterberry Lane (GPIN #1494-34-1160). Said parcel contains 40 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN

7. An Ordinance upon Application of John H. Kurek for a Conditional Use Permit for a residential kennel on Lot 1, Block K, Wellington Woods (GPIN #2408-10-6895). Said parcel is located at 825 Lord Leighton Drive and contains 22,500 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Wawa, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation, for a Conditional Use Permit for gasoline sales in conjunction with a convenience and carry-out food store at the northwest corner of Shore Drive and Pleasure House Road (GPIN #1479-37-9650, #1479-47-1514). Said parcel is located at 4800 Shore Drive and contains 2.14 acres. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION: DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

9. An Ordinance upon Application of C.C. LLC db/a Zoots for a Change of Zoning District Classification from O-1 Office District to Conditional B-1A Limited Community Business District at the northwest corner of Diamond Springs Road and Wesleyan Drive (GPIN #1468-35-7321). The proposed zoning classification change to B-1A is for lot intensity commercial land use. The Comprehensive plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, office and other compatible uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 925 Diamond Springs Road and contains 35,693 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AE City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: Jamie Ann Miller v. Amos Lloyd Miller
Jamie Ann Miller, Plaintiff v.
Amos Lloyd Miller, Defendant
CASE NO. CH-00-209

ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is for the plaintiff to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii upon the grounds of being separated for more than one year.

It is ORDERED that Amos Lloyd Miller appear and protect his interest, on or before April 6, 2000, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: February 14, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Hailzlip, Deputy Clerk

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413-17

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
455 Billmore Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Shauntan V. Alston dated July 1, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3760, page 785, securing a loan which was originally \$64,869.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 24, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 243, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Resubdivision of

Washington Square Townhouses, Section 4, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Tax Map # 2407-284-01-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$67,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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NP006619

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4821 Conestoga Road
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Claude C. Nickerson and Mary Ann Nickerson dated August 16, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3650, page 803, securing a loan which was originally \$83,650.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 24, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot Two (2), Block Eleven (11) on that certain plat entitled, "Subdivision of Pocahontas Village, Kempseyville Magisterial District, Princess Anne County, Virginia". Tax Map #1477-3304-03000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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NP006620

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751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
707 Roosevelt Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from John E. Shropshire dated January 23, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3589, page 167, securing a loan which was originally \$68,050.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 17, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described in said Deed of Trust. Tax Map #1486-65-6295-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The

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NP006630

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Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
470 Hill Meadow Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Stacy B. Martin and Lawrence W. Martin Jr. dated July 29, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3927, page 999, securing a loan which was originally \$44,250.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 10, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 36 in Block B, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Resubdivision of Lots 1-27 (M.B. 129 p. 12) Hilltop South, Lynnhaven Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #2407-96-9879-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$4,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.

NP995703

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
912 Creston Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Christopher Odachowski dated August 12, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3935, page 1130, securing a loan which was originally \$104,400.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 17, 2000 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 63, in Block D, as shown on that plat entitled "Charlesstone Lakes, South, Section 3, part A", Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #1464-26-0981-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$10,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the

time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP006656

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4472 Clemford Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Eugene Taylor, Jr. dated March 22, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3194, page 105, securing a loan which was originally \$139,200.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 17, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 16, Block F, Section 9, Salem Woods, as recorded in Map Book 160, page 52. Tax Map #1495-66-2508-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$13,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP995387

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

Trustee Sale of
2244 Elton Drive
Virginia Beach

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Gary E. Fullerton and Marguerite G. Chaney to Gerald L. Kerr III, trustee, dated September 10, 1997 and recorded in Virginia Beach Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 3786 at page 730, default having been made in the payment of the note secured thereby, the trustee will offer for sale at public auction the following property: Lot 16, Squire Lawns subdivision recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Map Book 111, at page 55-A. The auction will be at 10:00 A.M. on March 30, 2000 at the office of Gerald L. Kerr III, P.C., 3634 South Plaza Trail, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452.

Terms: Cash: A deposit of \$6,300.00 cash or cashier's check is required at time of sale with the balance in full within ten days of sale.

Gerald L. Kerr, III, Trustee
Gerald Kerr
3634 South Plaza Trail
Virginia Beach, VA
(757) 340-7882

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4880 Boxford Road
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Earl E. Henderson and Linda F. Henderson dated April 4, 1994 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3374, page 1543, securing a loan which was originally \$108,850.00. Default having occurred in the pay-

ment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 10, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 10, in Block D, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Salem Woods, Section 20, Kempville Borough". Tax Map #MB 186/26.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$10,400.00, cash or certi-

fied check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP984048

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of Virginia Beach, Virginia, at its Formal Session on March 14, 2000, at 2:00 PM, will consider the following:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE BY CHANGING THE POLLING PLACE FOR THE GREAT NECK PRECINCT TO ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SECTION AMENDED: §10-1
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA:

That Section 10-1 of the City Code is hereby amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 10-1. Establishment of precincts and polling places.
There are hereby established in the city the following precincts and their respective polling places as set forth below:

Precinct	Polling Place
Alanton	Alanton Elementary School
Aragona	Bayside Elementary School
Arrowhead	Arrowhead Elementary School
Baker	Heritage United Methodist Church
Bayside	Diamond Springs Baptist Church
Bellamy	Indian Lakes Elementary School
Blackwater	Blackwater Fire Station
Bonney	Center for Effective Learning
Brandon	Brandon Middle School
Cape Henry	Research and Enlightenment Building (Edgar Cayce Library)
Capps Shop	P.A. Mosque United Church
Centerville	Centerville Elementary School
Chesapeake Beach	Bayside Baptist Church
College Park	College Park Elementary School
Colonial	Colonial Baptist Church
Courthouse	Courthouse Fire Station
Creeds	Creeds Fire Station
Culver	Ocean Lakes High School
Dahlia	Green Run High School
Davis Comer	Bettie F. Williams Elementary School
Eastern Shore	Eastern Shore Chapel
Fairfield	Fairfield Elementary School
Forest	Kings Grant Elementary School
Glenwood	Glenwood Elementary School
Great Neck	Francis Asbury United Methodist Church
	All Saints' Episcopal Church
Green Run	Green Run Elementary School
Hilltop	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Holland	Holland Elementary School
Homestead	Providence Presbyterian Church
Hunt	Princess Anne Recreation Center
Kings Grant	St. Nicholas Catholic Church
Kingston	Kingston Elementary School
Lake Smith	Bayside Church of Christ
Landstown	Landstown Community Church
Larkspur	St. Andrews United Methodist Church
Linkhorn	Virginia Beach Community Chapel
Little Neck	St. Adian's Episcopal Church
London Bridge	London Bridge Baptist Church
Lynnhaven	Grace Lodge Church
Magick Hollow	Roma Bible No. 254
Malibu	Malibu Elementary School
Pembroke Meadows	Pembroke Meadows Elementary School
Windsor Woods	Windsor Woods Elementary School
Galilee	Galilee Episcopal Church
Ocean Lakes	Ocean Lakes Elementary School
Ocean Park	Bayside Christian Church
Oceana	Scott Memorial United Methodist Church
Old Donation	Old Donation Center for Gifted
Pembroke	Pembroke Elementary School
Plains	Lynnhaven Elementary School
Point O'View	Kempville Church of Christ
Providence	Kempville Recreation Center
Red Wing	Fire Training Center
Rosemont Forest	Rosemont Forest Elementary School
Roundhill	Salem Middle School
Rudee	Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad Building
Salem	Salem United Methodist Church
Seatack	Seatack Elementary School
Shannon	Church of the Ascension
Sherry Park	Unity Church of Tidewater
Sigsbee	St. Matthews Catholic Church
South Beach	St. John the Apostle Catholic Church
Stratford Chase	Contemporary Art Center of Virginia
Strawbridge	Providence Elementary School
Thalia	Strawbridge Elementary School
Thoroughgood	Independence Middle School
Timberlake	White Oaks Elementary School
Trantwood	Virginia Beach Christian Church
Windsor Oaks	Windsor Oaks Elementary School
Witchwood	Bayside Presbyterian Church
Wolfcove	Virginia Beach Christian Life Center
Woodstock	Aviation Church of Christ
Central Absentee	Agriculture/Voter Registration Building
Voter Precinct	

COMMENT

The Great Neck precinct polling place is being changed because the existing available building at Francis Asbury United Methodist Church will be demolished by the time of the next election.

This change will become effective following their approval by the United States Department of Justice pursuant to the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AE
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing Impaired, call: TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf)

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TAKING NOTES. Dawn Lucci arrived with a bag of artifacts and fossils and left with some notes.

Local folk really dig artifact, fossil day

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bags, hoping that the society's experts might be able to shed a little light on their objects of mystery.

Most left with their curiosities satisfied, and a few were referred to local agencies that might be able to provide additional information about specific types of artifacts and fossils.

Identification of several of the hand-carried enigmas was beyond the limits of the ASV's expertise.

Artifact and Fossil Identification Day was the brainchild of Land House museum educator Joy Eliassen, whose personal interest in archaeology inspired the program's initiation.

Eliassen discovered archaeology through her husband and his family's farm along the Pocomoke River in Maryland where hundreds and thousands of artifacts were found.

"That's when I had my consciousness raised, and I realized how interesting and exciting it was," she explained.

Eliassen had entertained the idea of instituting an archaeological program for some time, but she was hoping that someone would take the initiative to put such a program together.

That didn't happen, so she decided to take matters into her own hands. She conceived this archaeology program as an means for appreciating and sharing local history.

"We have a responsibility not to keep these things in isolation and stuck in drawers here and there. I think it's important that people bring them out and share them," she said.

"In this kind of gathering, I'm hoping that people will mingle with each other and realize that it's not the individual pieces that have value but the collection as a whole."

To say that Eliassen was pleased with the turnout would be an understatement.

"Actually, I'm ecstatic," she said. "It renewed my hope that people valued these things. They obviously value them or they wouldn't be here today."

Among the curious relic bearers were Pam Northam and her daughter, Aubrey, who brought artifacts — mostly glass and pottery shards — from a site that they had discovered on Virginia's Eastern Shore south of Onancock.

"One of the reasons why we've come here," said Pam Northam, "is to find out a little more about the pieces that might hold the answer to our mystery."

Russell Darden, an archaeologist with 48 years of experience, was one of the experts who was on hand to help identify the artifacts, show ASV publications, and encourage visitors to learn more about the pre-history of Virginia — especially in regard to the Native American culture that once flourished here.

"It's been a really great turnout. I've seen pretty much what I'm used to seeing in archaeology," observed Darden.

"But people have brought in some very nice artifacts here," he said.

Darden and his associates were able to identify artifacts, estimate their ages, and explain their functions. "It's been an opportunity to see new things and particularly to disseminate information to others," he noted.

Bob Harvey, a Land House volunteer, took advantage of the opportunity to have some of his own artifacts examined by the experts.

"I've had a long time interest in this kind of thing," he said.

Even Harvey, who is practically a fixture around the Land House, was surprised at the public's response.

"I expected a trickle, but not the numbers that we've had. This is just fantastic, I think," said Har-



WHAT IS IT? A bronze trophy or priceless object d'art. Jennifer Hamilton of Virginia Beach brought in this mysterious bronze figurine that was discovered under her home.

vey. "It's really neat to see that many people who have an interest in this kind of thing."

Stephanie "Running Water" Dean, a Tuscarora, heard that the ASV would be at the Land House and brought a few artifacts that were recently discovered on the land of a Nottoway relative.

Dean's interest in Native American artifacts has been purely for their cultural value; she had always regarded them as priceless.

"I will put them back in the ground. I will never sell them," she said resolutely. "There are enough in museums."

Ed Bottoms, the president of the Nansemond Chapter of the ASV, was pleased with both the enthusiastic public response and variety of fossils and artifacts that were brought in for identification.

"One thing that we positively do not do is appraise these objects because there is a market for artifacts and fossils," said Bottoms. "The unfortunate thing is that — in securing these for sale — some many people are disturbing historic archaeological sites and putting monetary values on things that really have scientific and historic value."

Bottoms noted, "We positively do not buy, sell, trade or engage in pricing these objects."

Dawn Lucci brought in a bag full of fossils and artifacts separated and wrapped carefully in "newspaper," but identifying one particular fossil was of special interest to her.

"I brought in an ancient tooth, and I was hoping that someone could tell me what it is," she said. "It's not all that big, but it's definitely old."

Lucci did not walk away unlightened.

According to the archaeologists, her "mysterious" tooth belonged to an ancient horse that lived and died sometime during the Pleistocene era.

Juanita Petersen brought in a stone bowl found on a plantation near Atlanta and passed down as a family heirloom.

Archaeologist Ed Bottoms identified the material from which the bowl was made as steatite or soapstone. He noted that soapstone, composed basically of talc, was heat and acid resistant.

According to Bottoms, the bowl was ideal for cooking and eating, but it was not suitable for grinding or mixing because soapstone is a relatively soft material.

Bottoms also mentioned that there was a source for soapstone in the vicinity of Atlanta.

Eliassen seemed pleased that her new program was so well received and that the variety of artifacts and fossils had been so diverse. "I think it's impressive how people have treasured these items. They've held held on to them and wanted to be careful about who they let see them," remarked Eliassen.

They seemed to be reassured that they were right in holding on to these things and placing value on them."

Day in the life: Beach's EMS crews ride road to help, health

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and stayed in constant communication with his staff and the dispatcher via radio, cell phone or by computer screen. Even when he was out of the vehicle, he kept a radio or a cell phone on hand.

By 10 a.m. that morning, he had already dealt with the morning traffic and settled in like a pilot "cruising" the roads. His eyes watched for accidents or careless drivers and his ears stayed tuned to everything that was being broadcast.

"I am in charge of street, ambulance crews and the zone cars," he explained.

The zone car is what the cardiac technicians and paramedics drive. Three to six zone cars operate per day in the city.

Bradberry said he typically responds with the ambulances to a "coded" emergency such as a gun shot, stabbing, multiple vehicle accidents, entrapments or drowning. He also assists the fire department on fires where there are injuries or smoke inhalation.

He works with the dispatchers to coordinate ambulances especially in peak hours from 6 to 10 a.m. and 3 to 7 p.m. when traffic can cause problems and ambulances are tied up on other calls.

He handles calls from staff who need to leave early, get sick or have problems. Many of the duties the staff are capable of handling, and he gladly delegates them instead of handling it himself.

"Micro-management is not good," he said. "I try to make the person feel like they are wanted and needed."

It is also a great learning experience for everyone.

"I learn something new everyday," he said.

Bradberry's said one of his biggest problems is non-emergency ambulance calls. Calls for a cut finger, headache, flu or sunburn.

"A lot of people abuse 911," he said. "They get a free ride to the hospital and don't have to wait in the waiting room. They can get seen immediately by qualified personnel."

Those calls often tie up ambulances that are critically needed. It is worse in the summer.

Wednesday was a pretty slow day for Bradberry. He had no code emergencies, so he delivered necessary paperwork and videos to firefighters and EMS personnel with a smile and some friendly conversation. He then checked on a cardiac patient being transferred from the doctor's office to the hospital.

One of the firefighter paramedics, Ron Monroe, had been pulled from his duties from the Kempsville Fire Station to man a zone car at Davis Corner. Composed and confident, the paramedic stabilized the patient and accompanied him to the hospital. A member of the ambulance crew drove the zone car to the hospital.

After the patient was put into the hands of emergency room personnel, Monroe and Bradberry talked candidly about the recent problems aired between EMS and the firefighters.

"These guys do a fine job," Monroe said. "But we need to focus. It's about people. Everything the firefighters have said is true."

He said the problems are mainly political and they need to be resolved so the fire department and EMS can function more efficiently.

"We have a paramedic back at the fire station now that can't function



CHILD FRIENDLY. Andrea Flythe, 10 months, and Andre Flythe, 3, receive teddy bears from an EMS worker after the car they were riding in was involved in a minor fender bender.

as a paramedic," he said. "I came off of my truck to do this."

He crossed his hands in front of him as if they were chained together.

"They are tying our hands," he said.

Monroe said EMS should let the paramedics do what they have been trained to do on the fire trucks. He said most city rules are standard and the firefighters can read and will follow the city's protocol.

"I'm not saying we don't want to fall under their direction," Monroe said. "We just want them to quit making it so hard. We want to utilize our minds and our equipment."

Bradberry listened and added his own observations. He remained friendly and patient. He explained the state sets the guidelines for emergency care and that says the firefighter paramedics do two duties a month in a zone car.

"They're getting paid for working on a volunteer service," he said.

"I would like to be with my crew," Monroe said. "I could have been on other calls today."

The two discussed some of the issues such as inaccessible drug boxes to firefighter paramedics and how long many of the current issues have been going on. Both agreed it is slowly improving.

"You've got to crawl before you walk," Bradberry said.

Bradberry then met with four other EMS volunteers for lunch at Rockafella's. The restaurant gives the volunteers 50 percent off of their meals because of their service to the community. It is a perk they really appreciate.

The EMS people discussed a radio show and recent publicity regarding their department and the firefighters. They are concerned and saddened at what they consider "a strained relationship" between the two departments. Some asked their names not to be used.

"I started hanging around the fire department when I was only 17," said one volunteer. "I used to even wash the battalion chief's car. It's not like that anymore."

Another volunteer agreed. Things are changing, he said. Maybe growing pains. He felt the issues were more union-based than patient-based.

"This is a money issue," he said. "Fire-based EMS means job security for the firefighters. Let's face it, with modern equipment and tech-



ON THE JOB. EMS volunteers transport a patient from the doctor's office to the hospital, one of the tasks which the city's rescue squad personnel are called upon to do.

nology there are a whole lot less fires these days and firefighters don't have as much to do."

Another volunteer agreed.

He added that it simply makes sense not to send an expensive fire truck with minimal equipment to medical emergencies that EMS can handle because they have more equipment.

Bradberry agreed.

He said later that the current situation hurts both groups. He takes the firefighters' public criticism of the EMS system as "slander." He also maintained all situations do not need a paramedic. All firefighters are EMT's. They know how to do the ABC's of basic life support — airway, breathing and circulation.

"No one is going to die," he said. Bradberry runs more errands and then responds to an accident with injuries.

Upon arriving at the scene, he quickly assessed the situation to make sure everyone is safe — from the officers handling traffic, to injured victims, to the EMS staff on site.

The EMS paramedic briefs Bradberry. The accident was quickly cleared.

"I'm not here to tell them how to do the job," Bradberry said. "They are trained. I'm just an overseer and help out where I can."

The next stop is station 14 to view some of the emergency vehicles and equipment. The station is clean, bright and pleasant. Two volunteers worked on blocks of wood used to stabilize vehicles that have crashed. Inside, a medical

video played on television and a volunteer from Knotts Island prepared supper for the volunteer council.

She said she isn't too worried about ambulance response or transport time. It takes approximately 45 minutes on Knotts Island. Their system is also all volunteer and people leave their homes or jobs to go to the station before responding to a call.

A new call comes and Bradberry, once again hops into his vehicle and drives — this time to the hospital. One of the EMT's suddenly became ill on duty.

As he pulls up to the hospital, a call comes in for an ambulance. A high school student fell while playing basketball and hurt his wrist, possibly broken fingers. It was rush hour traffic, and Bradberry coordinated with his staff for the quickest response.

Inside the hospital, Monroe was once again on the scene. He had treated the EMT and he briefed Bradberry on her condition.

Bradberry talked to the young woman, filled out the necessary paperwork and waited until she was seen by the doctor. He then called someone to take her home.

The emergency room doctor also talked about the EMS/firefighter issues.

J.T. Garrison said he was a paramedic before entering medical school. He said the training is typically done on a region-wide basis, but it is the same courses and same training.

He has been with Bayside Hospital for 3 1/2 years and former medical director for Isle of Wight County.

He sees no problems with arrival times, emergency service or communication. But, he noted Bayside takes no trauma injuries or obstetrics. All trauma goes to Norfolk General.

"The system is as good here as anywhere," Garrison said. "They do a good job of triage in the field."

By this time, it's after 6 p.m., past the time for Bradberry to go home. The night duty chief was waiting at one of the stations. Bradberry called his wife on the way and suggests pizza for supper.

He stopped at the station to make the Explorer for his own personal car and turn over the vehicle and duties to the night duty chief. It was dark and quiet. The night duty chief waited inside. He and other personnel were watching music videos.

"I just want us all to work together," Bradberry said as he left.

His shift was over. He returned the next night to ride an ambulance.



KIDING THE ROADS. EMS Duty Chief Mike Bradberry rides the roads and keeps in touch with staff and dispatchers via radio, cell phone and computer.

News in Brief

Mitigation OK'd

Resolutions adopted Tuesday by City Council will allow the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to release funds for \$855,000 for four congestion mitigation and air quality (CMAQ) projects in VDOT's six-year program.

Of the total cost, \$684,000 will be provided through the Federal CMZQ program, \$167,580 through VDOT urban funds and \$3,420 from city funds.

The four intersection improvements include:
■ A left turn lane on northbound Holland Road at its intersection with Lynnhaven Parkway.

■ A right turn lane on eastbound Princess Anne Road at its intersection with Wickhock Road/Kempsville Road.

■ A right turn lane on northbound Rosemont Road at its intersection with Virginia Beach Boulevard.

■ A left turn lane on northbound General Booth Boulevard at its intersection with Dam Neck Road.

Trail Time

Take a guided exploration of the Francis Land House nature trail and look for changes in plant and animal behaviors during "Trail Times: Signs of Spring," Thursday, March 16 at 11 a.m.

Construct a bag of nesting materials for birds to take home to your back yard. This program is for children ages 4 to 6 and an adult. All materials are included in the \$4 fee.

Call 431-4000 to preregister for this session. The Francis Land House is located at 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach.

Benefit concert

Music for Life, a community-wide benefit concert supporting the Hampton Roads Crisis Pregnancy Center, will take place Saturday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at Landstown Middle School in Virginia Beach.

The concert will feature Sa'real with special guests Brandon, Jason Upton, Roger Cheeks and the New Life Gospel Choir will also be performing. John Cash of WAVYTV 10, will be on hand to sign his latest book, "Age of the Antichrist."

Landstown Middle School is located at 2204 Recreation Drive near the GTE Amphitheatre. Admission is a suggested \$3 donation. All proceeds will go to the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Old time market

The Historic Lynnhaven House is hosting an Old Fashioned Flea Market Day on Saturday, April 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Space rental is \$15.

The Lynnhaven House is located at 4405 Wishart Road (off Independence Boulevard near Haygood Shopping Center). There will be fresh fruit, vegetable and flower stands, herb plants and food to buy. Also there will be music, a clown, balloons and lots of fun for all.

For renters, there is a free house tour. Call 456-0351 for information.

Clover Carnival

Seatack Recreation Center invites senior citizens to a Clover Carnival Thursday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy door prizes, dancing and singing. The cost is \$3.50 for members and \$5.50 for non-members. For further information call Seatack Recreation Center, 437-4858.

Elderly help

The Citizens' Committee to Protect the Elderly is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that offers assistance programs. The Volunteer Visitors Program provides companionship to residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. It also offers information and guidance for those who are considering placing a loved one in a nursing home or assisted living facility.

The organization is accepting volunteers who wish to visit residents in need of companionship at nursing homes and assisted living facilities or who may wish to help coordinate and implement community service projects. There are openings for volunteers who would enjoy being part of our office staff. Call 498-8600, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Craft Jubilee

Display and sell crafts at Kempsville Recreation Center's Spring Craft Jubilee. Space is available at a cost of \$20 for resident members, \$30 plus visitor's pass for non-residents. The Spring Craft Jubilee will take place Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kempsville Recreation Center. For information call Kempsville Recreation Center, 474-8492.

Lowe's London Bridge rezoning turned down; area plan requested

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

The applicant added walkways in the parking area, added more landscaping and reduced the size of the proposed building. But City Council decided that was not enough and denied a rezoning application by a close vote (5-4) that would have allowed the location of a Lowe's in London Bridge.

Councilman Linwood Branch III, who made the motion for approval of the application, suggested, however, that the city prepare a plan for the section of Virginia Beach Boulevard where the rezoning was requested.

He said that "this section of Virginia Beach Boulevard is not something we would have allowed to go there today." He referred to the industrial uses there, the car dealerships which extend to the road with balloons and flags waving and the general appearance of a highway which, he pointed out, has the city's name.

He said council needed to decide if it wanted "big boxes," a reference made to large retail establishments like Lowe's. If the city wants the "big boxes," it should have guidelines so that it would not micromanage one application that others are not subjected to.

He said that the application meets the new design standards being developed for retail establishments and that the applicant

is willing to have multiple entrances so that the building can be subdivided in case the store vacates the premises.

Branch said that he had not noticed any significant improvement in the area since he has been alive. "It's a hornet's nest for anyone to go in there and do anything," while "we're haggling now over 10, 12, 15 parking spaces."

He asked that Planning Director Robert Scott return with a report on how to make things happen on Virginia Beach Boulevard which would allow the city to provide incentives. But "there is a developer not asking for anything. If this application is turned down what we have there now will stay there." He said that each side of the site should be redeveloped for miles on both sides. "This is the only section (of the city) that screams for redevelopment."

Voting against approval were Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, and councilmembers Margaret Eute, Louis R. Jones, Reba McClanahan and Nancy Parker. Voting for approval were councilmembers Branch, John A. Baum, Don Weeks and Barbara Henley. Vice Mayor William D. Sessions Jr. and councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. were absent.

The application can be brought back for reconsideration at the request of three councilmembers.

Councilmembers felt that the site was too small for the type of store content-

plated for the site. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the applications and the staff recommended denial.

The plan would require the reduction of 90 parking spaces.

The applicants, Collett Properties, Inc., and Collett Chesapeake Partners asked for a rezoning from B-2 Community Business District to conditional B-2 east intersection of Virginia Beach Boulevard and Parker Lane containing 3,481 acres, and from I-1 industrial district to conditional B-2 community business district on the east side of Parker Lane south

of Virginia Beach Boulevard containing 8,433 acres.

The applications had been deferred on Feb. 8 and 22.

Nutter said that landscaping would be provided on site not subject to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) plans although, he said, there is no funding for road improvements anyway.

He said that three pedestrian walkways six feet wide have been added to the plan for the parking lot as well as landscaping; that 613 parking spaces will be pro-

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EMPTY BOWLS. Virginia Wesleyan students participate in the Empty Bowl project by making bowls for evening's fare.

Baum presents policies on draining rural lots

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

Councilman John A. Baum thinks that the city should not pay for drainage concessions that should have been provided by the seller of rural lots.

In a presentation before City Council at a work session Tuesday, Baum proposed policies for the city to adopt to see that drainage problems are taken care of at the time property is developed.

He said his major concern is that city services cost more the further they are from City Hall and public works facilities as they are in the southern end of the city. He said that older lots that have been planned for years have drainage problems.

Baum's suggested policies are:
■ To require that strip highway lots should drain to major outfalls at the rear of properties and not to shallow highway ditches. Large highway ditches are dangerous, he said, and should not be constructed in the future.

Baum said that two-foot deep ditches will not rapidly drain the swales on properties after heavy rainfalls — the city cleans the highway ditches every two or three years. Still, he said, the city should not be responsible for capital improvements to improve drainage which the farmhand owners should have provided.

City Council may decide to do so, he said, but it should not divert \$300,000 in the Capital Improvement Program for stormwater infrastructure rehabilitation to farmette drainage. Farmettes are the three-acre lot subdivisions in rural areas where city sewer and water are not available and which depend on wells and septic tanks for service.

■ Rural subdivisions, such as farmettes, he said, should not be approved by staff unless satisfactory offsite drainage can be achieved. Two Blackwater applications now in the process, will not have a problem, he said, because both parcels have swamp land within the original parcels. However, he said, future developments should allow for floodwater disposal even if it means providing offsite canals through other properties, including legal easements for future maintenance.

■ Since the city accepted the plate for an existing development at Princess Anne and Vaughan Roads, Baum said the city is responsible for providing offsite drainage including a recorded drainage easement.

The development drains into a highway ditch, which is serving the development since it is about five feet higher than the farmland, but the increased runoff is flooding low lying farmland on the east side of Princess Anne Road. Baum said offsite drainage should have been provided through an offsite ditch draining westward to West Neck Creek. Baum said that it is not right to use political pressure to get the city to provide drainage when property is changed from farmlands to farmettes. Councilwoman Barbara Henley said that part of the problem is that the city does not have drainage easements to get the water to the outfalls.

Baum said that when there is intervening land owned by another party between the development and the swamp, the development should not be approved. Easements should be secured before a development is allowed, he said.

Empty Bowl is reminder that not all are well fed

Unique fundraiser set for Friday night

By Jason Norman

Correspondent

In this day and age, many people can afford to take food for granted. It's not uncommon to be able to count on at least three square meals a day, and a midnight snack if we're late.

However, not everyone has this luxury. For far too many people, the normal day is spent wandering up and down the street, searching for a bite to eat, and a warm place to spend the night. People that, for one reason or another, do not have the assurance of sufficient nutrition to surely make it through the next year, month, or even week.

It's easy to forget about people like this. It's not difficult to wipe them from our minds when we pass them on our way to work or school. Maybe we'll give them a quarter, or a dollar if we're in a generous mood, but we rarely go out of our way to help the less fortunate.

Virginia Wesleyan College is trying to change that. On March 10, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., the college will be holding the "Empty Bowls" charity drive to help the area's homeless.

For a fee of only \$15, patrons will

enter the Dining Hall and select a bowl, one specially made by VWC pottery students. Then, they will enjoy a nice, warm meal of soup (reminiscent of the soup kitchens that we see so often at Christmas and Thanksgiving).

Upon finishing, those that wish to do so will wash their bowls, and take them home as a souvenir, a fond remembrance of this heartfelt event. There will also be entertainment, and a silent auction following the meal.

"This concept was started by the Ceramic Designers Association (an organization for those interested in pottery)," said Diane Hotelling, director of Community Services for VWC.

"They started it about two years ago, and this year, they approached us about hosting the event with them because they needed a bigger place to host the dinner, that's how successful it had been."

"We decided to turn this into an opportunity for our students. Any VWC student with an interest in pottery or art was invited to contribute."

Several local charities will benefit from the program. All proceeds will go to: Oasis of Portsmouth, the Judeo-Christian Outreach Shelter, the Union Mission, and Help and Emergency Response (HER), a battered women's shelter.

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'Tough love' works for local shelter

Beach's Judeo-Christian Outreach celebrates anniversary Tuesday

By Deanne Brady

Correspondent

During a recent shopping trip, Dick Powell was standing in the checkout line when a man he didn't recognize approached and began thanking him for turning the man's life around.

"Wow, I owe you my life," the man said to Powell, executive director of the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center (JCOC). The man turned out to be a former resident at the center's homeless shelter, who came to Powell as a drug addict several years ago. He was now drug-free and was married with a child.

"You only need one or two of these a year," Powell said along the encounter. In fact, Powell has many similar stories to tell.

"Getting someone's life together, it

makes all the difference," he explained. "Powell said he didn't know what to expect when he and five area churches first formed JCOC in 1986. All he knew when he started was that he wanted to feed the hungry."

"It evolved out of a need," he added. Today, JCOC has 90 churches, synagogues and civic groups helping to serve dinner every night of the year to about 100 people.

Bill Berthoff of Bayside Presbyterian, whose church participates in preparing and serving meals, said that many of those he served meatloaf, scallop potatoes, corn and apple pie to last week wouldn't eat otherwise.

"It's a problem that's never going to

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DINNER TIME. Members of Bayside Presbyterian Church are among the 90 churches, synagogues and civic groups who take turns preparing and serving dinner to Virginia Beach's homeless community.

Commentary

RABIES AWARENESS WEEK

Better safe than sorry

Rabies is 100 percent fatal. If that's not enough to scare you, consider that, according to health officials, as many as one-third of all cats and dogs in the United States are not vaccinated against the deadly virus. Yet many pet owners consider their dog or cat a member of the family. Not vaccinating these animals is not fair to human or pet.

Rabies Awareness Week is a good time to take that important step. In a regional effort to make everyone aware of the disease many cities are offering services at reduced prices to prevent rabies affecting you or your domestic pet.

Though we live in a metropolitan area, Hampton Roads is not immune to the threat of rabies, which attacks the central nervous system of warm-blooded animals. Even humans can be affected. It is usually transmitted when an infected animal bites another animal or human being.

According to the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Epidemiology, in calendar year 1999 there were several rabies cases reported within our area: Chesapeake, two foxes, nine raccoons; Portsmouth, two raccoons; Virginia Beach, two cats, eight raccoons.

In many cases, the rabid animals tangled with family pets. Fortunately, most of the pets had their vaccinations.

In the case of dogs and cats, if they are infectious at the time of biting or scratching someone, the animal will not survive for 10 more days. That is the purpose of the law requiring quarantine of dogs and cats who bite and scratch. If they survive that 10-day period without becoming sick or dying, they were not infectious at the time of the bite or scratch.

However, less is known about rabies in the wild. It is not known how long these animals can incubate or harbor this disease. Some wild animals can be infected and still appear healthy. For this reason there is no recognized quarantine period for wild animals. The only way to be sure a wild animal has rabies is to euthanize it and test its brain in a laboratory.

Local animal control agencies do everything in their power to capture these creatures with humane traps. However, there are a limited number of traps. Citizens must also do their part to protect family and pets. There are a few precautions responsible pet owners should follow:

- Keep pets inside.
- Do not leave pets outdoors unattended.
- Keep pets current on all vaccinations, especially rabies.
- Do not feed pets outdoors or leave food outside.
- Do not feed wildlife or encourage wildlife to remain on your property.
- Keep garbage in tightly-sealed containers.
- Teach children not to approach or try to touch any wild or stray animal.
- Report any wound of unknown origin on a pet to animal control officials.
- Report any bite or scratch from a warm-blooded animal to your child or other family member to animal control.

To do their part in the fight against the disease, area pet owners should take note of several rabies awareness clinics being offered this week:

- Actin Animal Hospital, 4020 Portsmouth Blvd., 488-8606.
- Animal Medical Clinic, 1020 N. Battlefield Blvd., 548-2000.
- Brentwood Veterinary Clinic, 1236 N. George Washington Hwy., 485-2531.
- Chesapeake Animal Hospital, 731 Greenbrier Pkwy., 547-5100.
- Deep Creek Veterinary Hospital, 620 Happy Acres Rd., 487-1333.
- Highlands Pet Clinic, 1615 Volvo Pkwy., 549-8609.
- Island Wharf Veterinary Clinic, 123 N. Battlefield Blvd., 548-1548.
- Western Branch Veterinary Hospital, 3820 Taylor Rd., 483-1055.
- Great Bridge Veterinary Clinic, 1245-M Cedar Rd., 547-1600.
- Midway Veterinary Hospital, 1646 S. Military Hwy., 366-4050.
- Companion Veterinary Hospital, 209 Mt. Pleasant Rd., 482-3534.
- Portsmouth Health Department, rear parking lot, Crawford Parkway, 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, \$6 per shot. Call 393-8585, ext. 185.

Responsible pet owners will do their part to ensure their animals' and families' safety. Get the vaccination. — V.E.H.



Murder is murder

"Thou shalt not kill" does not merely apply to individuals. It applies to the state which in a democratic republic is all of us together. It is we collectively that bear the burden of guilt when it comes to the death penalty, not the executioner or even the jury tasked to exact our revenge.



Perspectives

By Eileen Huey, columnist

There is a legitimate philosophical question as to whether an unviable fetus is a person. Some religions profess that the soul is present from the moment of conception while others believe it incarnates at birth.

Widely, the U.S. Supreme Court avoids the religious issue altogether and legally confers personhood at the stage in fetal development when the fetus can live as a separate individual outside of the womb.

Obviously, for those who believe personhood begins at conception, abortion is a violation of the Fifth Commandment and a grave sin against God's law. That is what choice is all about. It allows all women the right to follow the dictates of their deeply-held convictions without interference by the state. But there is no question as to whether a living human being is a person. So, there is no justification for any person of faith to ignore God's commandment and support the death penalty.

Whenever a Christian society espouses "an eye for an eye" as the basis of their justice system, they are adhering to Judea law before Jesus brought the new covenant. It was Jesus who said that greatest com-

mandment is to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. No truly Christian society can justify practicing vengeance, no matter how heinous the crime. "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord" ought to settle that issue once and for all. Fundamentalist Christians are quick to point out that it is what is in a person's heart that constitutes a breach of God's law. Since we will never be able to devise a justice system equipped to fairly assess the inner man, we must content ourselves with punishing the action itself, leaving the avenging of the wrong to the perfect wisdom of God.

Whenever we take upon ourselves the right to determine the length of another's life, we are playing God. But that's exactly what the murderer did when he took the life of another. True, but that's his sin. Let's face it. There is no question what is in our collective heart when we demand a life for a life. It is revenge—pure and simple. In fact, avenging the loss of the victim's loved one is the only viable argument left to proponents of the death penalty. Every major study proves that not only does the death penalty not deter crime, it is only present in the world's most violent societies. To our great shame, only totalitarian states and

the United States still put their citizens to death.

Even the loudest clamorers for "a life for a life" become uncomfortable when asked what we should do about the fact that our justice system can and does err. No one contends that it is moral or just for the state to take an innocent life.

But that misses the point altogether — it is immoral for the state to put anyone to death. And, that is especially true for a society that professes to be Christian.

The whole point of life for Christians is to seek and find redemption, and to atone for one's sins in order to return to God. Life imprisonment is not only a justifiably harsh punishment for someone convicted of capital murder, but also the prisoner has little recourse beyond atonement and the seeking of deeper spiritual meaning for life itself.

So, why do we insist upon killing the perpetrator of any crime? It does not right the wrong — the victims are still dead and their families are still deprived of their loved one.

It's often said that witnessing the execution of the person responsible brings comfort to the victim's family. I can't imagine how that could be, but, if true, we can only wonder what God must see in their hearts.

But even if it does bring comfort, there is a more important value at stake here. Violence begets violence and it is never the answer to solving any problem in civilized society.

There is no justification for the individual or the state to use violence except to prevent violence. That is what makes self-defense and prosecuting a just war moral acts.

Putting a prisoner to death is not to stop violence, it is to commit it. Shame on any society for needing human blood on its hands in order to feel avenged for its justifiable outrage. The truth is that the death penalty is not about the criminal, but ourselves.

Thumbs up to young achievers

I get to meet some pretty neat kids doing my job.

A big part of what we do in community newspapers is highlight what's "right" with the city — good school programs, outstanding individuals,



Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

viewing children and teens who have somehow gone above and beyond. It may be a particular talent I'm writing about, or a heroic feat, or a way some child is reaching out to help others in a unique way.

Sitting on my desk is a picture of an 11-year-old fifth grader named Teddy Sommers whom I interviewed recently for our Chesapeake newspaper.

Teddy is the kind of guy that we should all aspire to be — even adults. Teddy is a Cub Scout in Great

Bridge. He father, an Eagle Scout in 1971, is assistant Cub Master of Teddy's pack. He's a super friendly guy, and I can easily see where Teddy got his good nature.

Teddy is also a hero, though he won't admit it. A couple of weeks ago he received the Honor Medal, Scouting's second-highest award given for courageous actions.

Last September, Teddy saved the life of a Ukrainian woman who had recently immigrated to the United States. She was swimming in the Atlantic at Ocean City, Md. and got caught in a vicious undertow. She would have died had it not been for Teddy's quick actions.

Without regard to his own safety, the boy — who can't weigh more than 90 pounds, like that — swam to her and pulled the woman ashore with his bodyboard. Then he asked his mom if he could go swimming at a nearby pool. His mother didn't even know about the feat until the Ukrainian woman told her.

Teddy was modest about the whole affair, even embarrassed at talking about himself. His parents had to do most of the talking during the interview — Teddy just didn't want to call attention to himself.

I admire Teddy for accomplishing something which most of us will never do: give someone else the gift of their life. The woman whom Teddy rescued called it her second birthday.

I also met children and teens with extraordinary talents.

Around Christmas I interviewed

Virginia Beach teen Troy Hedspeith, known to many as "The Little Man of Country."

Troy has been singing for a number of years now and was a regular at the Virginia Opry. He's got a couple of CDs to his name and is bound for stardom, though he knows it will be a challenge.

Troy has a backup plan — if he doesn't make it in Nashville as a singer, he'll get involved in producing or some other behind-the-scenes capacity. He's going to college to get those skills.

Each year Troy does a concert locally to benefit Toys for Tots. Admiration is a new toy which will be donated to help less-fortunate children. It's a lot of work for Troy, his mother and others to organize the concert, but it's their unselfish way of doing a good deed.

There are plenty more stories like Troy and Teddy out there. Today's youths simply continue to astonish me. I think young people are getting brighter and brighter as the years go by.

Yet too often the young people of our country are presented by the media as bad eggs. A few bad kids shooting up schools and playgrounds and the whole lot are categorized that way.

So I'll keep looking for the young people who continue to inspire and achieve, the ones we could learn from. Actually, it's not that difficult to find them. They're just good kids.

Creative 'takes' on history need to be debunked

There are many stories about America that we've been taught through the years are true. Are they, or are they stories that have been



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist

repeated so many times that we just assume they are true and repeat them to keep the ball rolling? Here are a few that are not exactly what we thought they were. The story that Jackie Robinson, a great baseball player and all-around athlete, broke organized baseball's color barrier in 1947 when he was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers' organization. That's not exactly true. Robinson was not the first black man to play organized baseball. In fact, he came along more than 60 years after Moss "Fleet" Walker, a catcher who played in 42 games for the Toledo Mudhens of the American Association in 1884. Walker's brother joined him later in the season, but played only in five games.

When the '84 season ended, both were gone. Robinson, of course, became an outstanding player with the Brooklyn Dodgers and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

The story about the gangster Machine Gun Kelly is an interesting one. The legend goes that Machine Gun Kelly coined the expression "G-men" for government men. In 1933, so the story goes, FBI agents surrounded him on a Tennessee farm. Rather than try to shoot his way out, Kelly threw up his hands and shouted to the government agents, "Don't shoot, G-men, don't shoot!"

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover cleared up the matter in a 1946 issue of the *Tennessee Law Review*. In his article, Hoover wrote that he made the story up to generate publicity for the bureau and to give his agents a nickname. Also, what Kelly really said was, "OK boys, I've been waiting for you all night, I give up."

We've heard the story all our lives that Geronimo was the name of a famous Apache chief. The story needs a little correcting to make it accurate. Not much, but just a little.

His name was actually Gohatlay, which doesn't sound anything like Geronimo. Mexican settlers who couldn't pronounce Gohatlay referred to the chief as "Jerome" or "Geronimo" in Spanish. And there is nothing in the historical record to suggest that Gohatlay ever shouted "Geronimo" as he jumped from a cliff into a river to escape the U.S. Cavalry. That was from a 1940 movie which probably led to the "Geronimo" legend. World War II paratroopers led, however, frequently shout "Geronimo" when they jumped out of airplanes.

Welcome to the real world.

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'99 accomplishments just keep on coming

This week we are continuing to list all the things that were accomplished in Virginia Beach during 1999:

■ We completed a three-year project to completely address the threat of the Y2K computer bug to



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberndorf

the city's ability to provide services. Millions of lines of complex computer code, thousands of computers and thousands of embedded computer chips, were inventoried, reviewed, corrected and tested to insure they worked properly when the year 2000 came. We

worked closely with our utility providers, neighboring cities, numerous state and federal agencies, hospitals and critical businesses to insure our citizens continued to receive vital services.

■ We continued to evaluate and create public-private partnerships that would benefit the city and our citizens, including an upscale hotel and shopping complex at 31st Street on Atlantic Avenue that will provide the largest public park on the oceanfront along with a substantial number of parking spaces.

Additionally, the 25-year vision of The Town Center of Virginia Beach project in the Pembroke area is closer to reality. A Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District was developed to facilitate the development at Pembroke.

■ Once again, for the ninth year in a row, Virginia Beach's crime rate was so low we were rated by the FBI as America's safest city over 300,000 in population.

■ The GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater had another banner year, returning more than \$1 million to the city's operating budget as big name performers continued to draw excited crowds from throughout the region.

■ We intensified housing code enforcement to enhance neighborhood quality throughout our city.

■ The city proudly unveiled Legends Walk, a walk of fame attraction featuring famous Virginians.

■ The Department of Economic Development reported 13 new companies in the city, 25 expansions/retentions, 1,588 new jobs and 1,881 retained jobs. The city sold 1.5 acres to Oceana Estate, 22.5 acres to Oceana West Corporate Park and 3.5 acres to Corporate Landing. This includes a total of 118,380 square feet of office and warehouse space to be constructed by new and existing companies as well as 554,725 square feet absorbed (leased space) for existing office-industrial businesses.

■ The Parks and Recreation Department earned the distinction of becoming the commonwealth's first to receive accreditation status from the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA). In garnering the accreditation, the department passed 152 of 153 standards (136 were required to be accredited).

■ The Parks and Recreation Department won an international award for the Bayside History trail project — one of 20 programs honored for excellence in the Community Service division by the Learning Resource Network (LERN), an international association in lifelong learning.

The Bayside Project was showcased internationally at a recent LERN convention held in Washington, D.C. Parks and Recreation's pres-

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tigious nomination was from a field of more than 100 nominees.

■ Opened City View Park, a new 42-acre district park.

■ Renovated 16-school playgrounds, with 15 more in design.

■ Added nine more neighborhood parks, bringing the total to 172.

■ Acquired and demolished Bow Creek Motel for transformation into a new park and began golf course improvements.

■ Moved ahead in national and international amateur and professional sporting events. Sports marketing has emerged as a successful endeavor for Virginia Beach.

■ Constructed and completed the Salem Road project.

■ Reduced water rates for residents by 10 cents per 1,000 gallons.

■ Completed the seawall and boardwalk from 27th to 40th streets.

■ Completed the long-awaited Western Branch Lynnhaven River Dredging Project.

■ The largest Resort Beach replenishment sand volume since 1989's "Operation Big Beach" was completed. More than 570,000 cubic yards of sand were placed on the beach to prepare us and save us from the potentially damaging effects of hurricanes. That's enough sand to fill an entire street block at the oceanfront (350 feet by 350 feet) 125 feet high.

■ Our automated curbside recycling program, which has an unprecedented 76 percent citizen participation rate, was selected "best municipal/county recycling program" in the state by the Virginia Recycling Association and earned national recognition in Waste Industry Journals.

The city of Virginia Beach has saved \$2 million annually in avoided disposal costs; and, in addition to implementing \$800,000 worth of operational reductions, we were able to reduce the net cost of the recycling program to just \$1 per household per month.

■ Between Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach, Virginia Beach has the lowest real estate tax rate, which has been the same since 1996, at \$1.22 per \$100 value.

With all the things listed above and last week in this column, our beautiful beaches, sunny weather and friendly citizens, Virginia Beach is truly a "Community for a lifetime."

Red Mill stages 'Greatest Show'

The Red Mill Elementary School PTA's variety show, "The Greatest Show on Earth," will take place Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Ocean Lakes High School Auditorium.

There will be at least 30 acts performed by Red Mill's students. Acts will include singing, dancing, playing the piano, magic tricks and much more. Tickets will be sold March 15-24. The cost is \$5 per adult; all children are free.

Up close and personal

Gail Silvasi: Magnet facilitator

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Gail Silvasi's office is a natural magnet for students between bells at Woodrow Wilson High School.

Most know she keeps a big tin stocked with Tootsie Rolls for whoever stops by, and she's got a stash of pretzel sticks waiting for the before-lunch munchies. But the real reason teens visit Silvasi is her sparkling personality and willingness to listen to every student.

No wonder she has 255 children — her own daughter, CJ, and the 254 students enrolled in Wilson High's magnet program which she facilitates.

The 49-year-old Virginia Beach resident is on familiar turf as a faculty member at Wilson High. Silvasi graduated from Wilson and came back "home" to work there as a social studies teacher. Five years ago she accepted the position as magnet facilitator, pushing enrollment in the program from 15 students to 254 today.

"I had a student walk in here the other day and ask, 'Mrs. Silvasi, what do you do? We just know you take care of us and get us out of trouble,' I laughed, 'Is there anything else you need?' I really do have a difficult job description."

The magnet program is designed to prepare students for the rigors of college academics and "push them that extra bit, whether it's setting schedules to meet magnet requirements or talking with parents about the SATs."

Silvasi encourages teens to go the extra mile, such as taking four years of foreign language instead of three.

Because colleges these days look for a good record of community service, Silvasi also organizes efforts for students to fulfill that requirement. She also brings in admissions advisors to counsel the students and works one on one with students to tailor their classes for the best possible impact. Because technological skills are vital today, she even allows students in the magnet program to take home a laptop computer.

Silvasi's duties don't end there. She is the sponsor for Wilson's Interact and Computer clubs. She also works with the school's Model UN program, though not the coach. Professionally, she is president of the honorary education society Alpha Delta Kappa Pi. She attends St. Aiden's Episcopal Church, where she is a senior choir member.

As a high school student, Silvasi dreamed of becoming a lawyer. But when the time came to pick a college, she literally followed her heart instead.

"To be honest, my boyfriend went off to Virginia Tech, which was all boys, so I picked Radford, which was all girls. I had to major in something, so I chose social sciences thinking I'd get into law later. Guess I saw that "social" in social sciences!" she laughed. "But I ended up teaching — sort of fell into it, I guess — and absolutely love it."

Education is a family affair. Silvasi's husband, Joe, teaches special education at Great Bridge High in Chesapeake. Two sisters and a brother-in-law are also educators.

"But we try to make family gathering where we don't talk about school," she said. Noting "the kids keep me young," Silvasi works to bring fun to education. She believes that teens today have it much more difficult than those of past generations, even just 10 years ago, because "the media pulls them in all kinds of ways. They're thinking 'I want to be cool.' So they need people who care a lot about them in school. They need that constant support."

The walls of Silvasi's office reflect that philosophy. Because she goes that extra mile, grateful students have presented her with small tokens of their gratitude, from an origami mobile hanging from the ceiling to photographs of teens engaged in community service efforts.

"But the real reward comes when the students come back and say, 'Thank you for the process.' Across the campus, students and visitors could take part in several free activities to earn play money, and then bring it back to the Dining Hall to take part in an auction."

The SAM program was started at the University of Virginia about five years ago," said Mike Strock, advisor for the program's VWC chapter. "Each sporting team elects one or two representatives, and we try to promote a stronger, smarter environment, especially in the use of alcohol."

Students earned pretend money at various locations around VWC. For example, the lacrosse team had created a "Guess Your Speed" game, in which participants threw lacrosse balls into a net, and tried to guess the speed of their throw. Many tried, but none were fully successful in the guessing phase.

The women of Alpha Sigma Alpha created a pie-eating contest, and a "Shave-the-balloon" game in which participants used razors to scrape shaving cream off balloons. Surprisingly, very few balloons were harmed.

Members of the Christian Fellowship held a campus-wide scavenger hunt where participants rushed around campus attempting to decipher clues in an attempt to win \$100.

The Imagination Club held a video-game contest to let competitors win money in games of Street Fighter 2 Alpha.

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positive attitude.

Worst habit: Eating pretzel sticks.

Pets: A shitzu named Harley, two cats named Butch and Lucy, and a crazy dog named Noel.

Hobbies: Reading, camping, cooking and gardening.

Ideal vacation: An Alaska cruise.

Pet peeves: People saying "ouz" instead of "because."

First job: Tastee Freeze on Airline Boulevard.

Least liked job: Sales for a modeling agency.

Favorite sports teams: Any Wilson High team.

Favorite musician: The Wilson and Salem high school bands.

Most embarrassing moment: Pick one: Falling down as a majorette while marching with the WHS Band at a Redskins game or being late to my wedding.

How I would like to be remembered: As a caring educator and CJ's mother.

If I received \$1 million: I'd pay for CJ attend William and Mary and set up a continuing scholarship fund for a WHS magnet student.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'd answer the final question on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" without any life lines left — and know the answer!

Name: Gail Silvasi.

What brought you to this area: Portsmouth. God sent me!

Age: 49. Not here for a long time, just a good time.

Nickname: "Nane." CJ gave it to me when she was 3.

Occupation: Magnet facilitator at Woodrow Wilson High School.

Marital status: Married 18 years in June.

Children: Chia Jo (CJ), 15, a student at Salem High School.

Favorite movies: Any "Star Trek" or John Wayne movies.

Magazines I read regularly: Southern Living and National Geographic.

Favorite authors: Lilian Jackson Brown, David Eddings, Terry Brooks and Agatha Christie.

Favorite night out on the town: Dinner, a walk on the beach and a concert at the 24th Street Stage in Virginia Beach.

Favorite restaurant: Does Burger King count?

Favorite meal and beverage: Lobster, Caesar salad and a good Virginia wine.

What most people don't know about me: I'm an open book.

Best thing about myself: My

VWC asks 'Why Ask Why?' to prove point

By Jason Norman
Contributor

Drinking among college students has been acknowledged by some as one of the biggest epidemics facing America today.

Sadly, it's not uncommon to open the daily newspaper, and read that a promising college student had his life stolen by a drunk driver, or by alcohol poisoning.

It's even more common to hear of students being arrested for underage drinking, public intoxication, or other alcohol-related incidents.

What can be done to solve this problem?

The Virginia Wesleyan Student Athlete Mentors decided to start solving the problem at home. They recently sponsored the program, "Why Ask Why? Saturday Night Dry," a carnival-like event to educate students of the evils of drinking, and show them a good time in

the process. Across the campus, students and visitors could take part in several free activities to earn play money, and then bring it back to the Dining Hall to take part in an auction."

The SAM program was started at the University of Virginia about five years ago," said Mike Strock, advisor for the program's VWC chapter. "Each sporting team elects one or two representatives, and we try to promote a stronger, smarter environment, especially in the use of alcohol."

Students earned pretend money at various locations around VWC. For example, the lacrosse team had created a "Guess Your Speed" game, in which participants threw lacrosse balls into a net, and tried to guess the speed of their throw. Many tried, but none were fully successful in the guessing phase.

The women of Alpha Sigma Alpha created a pie-eating contest, and a "Shave-the-balloon" game in which participants used razors to scrape shaving cream off balloons. Surprisingly, very few balloons were harmed.

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Probably the strangest game of the night, however, was called, "Hang Low." It was a complicated process. Participants placed a baseball inside a stocking, and tied it around their waist, letting the ball swing between their legs. Then, by using their hips to swing the contraption, gamers attempted to knock a large balloon from one side of the room to the other, and back again. The first one to finish the race won an abundance of tickets.

"This is the first year for this event," said SAM president Raye Jean McMichael, "so we're still thinking of it as a trial program. We need to make sure that all of our athletic teams are in town to do something like this."

After a few hours of game participation, McMichael led the night's participants into the Boyd Dining Hall for the auction. To participate in this event, all patrons had to pass a "breathalyzer" test — any student found to have alcohol on their breath was not allowed to bid.

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Drama asks 'What is truth?'



THEATRICAL OFFERING. Appearing in "Pilate" are D.M. Payne as Pilate and Sandra Holcombe as Claudia Procula.

What is truth? "Pilate," the award-winning play by Mark Allen Eaton, will pose that question to audiences at The Regent University Theatre March 9-19.

According to history and biblical theology, Pontius Pilate was the governor of Jerusalem in the days of Jesus Christ.

Infamous as the man who tried Jesus and sentenced him to his death, the question Pilate asked Christ reverberates with as much significance in the postmodern world as it did in the ancient one. What is truth? Do we find it, make it and shape it ourselves? Or is truth finding and shaping us?

"Pilate" opens Thursday, March 9 at 8 p.m. Performances are March 9-11 and March 17-18 at 8 p.m. and March 12 and 19 at 3 p.m. Special school matinees will be held March 14 and 16 at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$5 for senior citizens over 60, children and students. Group rates are available. To make reservations call, 226-4245.

Lowe's rezoning denied

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vided; The facility will be reduced in size from 163,000 to 159,000 square feet, where a typical store would be 177,000 square feet.

He said the applicant was asked to add additional landscaping and over 2,000 square feet in excess of current requirements will be included. And under the plan, the best management practices (BMP) lake will be moved closer to the pumping station. The perimeter landscaping will contain 8,500 square feet in excess of the requirement — over 22,794 square feet which will be the largest of any application ever considered by the city except for the amphitheater.

He said that the applications have

strong support from the commercial sector and adjacent property owners and over 1,000 city residents have signed petitions in favor of locating a Lowe's there.

Carl Eastman, an attorney, said the project is too big for the site. He said he would welcome a Lowe's on the right site at the right location. He said the walkways are laudable but that the way they are designed is not conducive to using them. He said that the larger trees are more compressed in the back of the lot and that the reduction in the building size is not significant. "We don't want to see another big box like this off the intersection," he said.

Joe Taylor, of Taylor's stores, said that the boulevard already has three big empty hulks, and "we don't need more flea markets.

He said that "big boxes" did not exist 10 years ago and that the zoning ordinances don't treat them differently than other businesses. Virginia Beach has to consider where they should be located.

Nutter said that the stores are popular because they provide the things the public wants. He said they are big because the public wants things like lumber and want to go to one place to shop. The problems with big stores can be addressed, he said by putting in, multiple entrances and parking in the rear.

Even with the changes offered by the applicant, Scott said that the project still does not meet the requirements that others have met. He said the project is not up to the existing standards or the proposed standards.

Parmeale makes 6th run at council seat

By Lee Cahill

Correspondent

John O. Parmeale Jr., is making his sixth attempt to win a seat on the Virginia Beach City Council.

In the 1998 councilmanic election Parmeale received more than 8,900 votes which, he said, has encouraged him to try again. He will run for an at-large seat in the May 2 election.

Parmeale, who describes himself as a "people person" with 23 years experience in public service — in the U.S. Navy, is known for refusing to spend much money on his campaigns.

As a councilman, he said he will have a fresh approach to local government, full-time representation with no conflicts of interest or hidden agendas, a prudent use of public tax dollars and an advocate for military veterans and senior citizens issues.

A native of Atlanta, Parmeale has been a resident of the area since 1967.

He resides in the Lynnhaven/Great Neck area of the city with his wife Nancy. His two children are both graduates of the Virginia Beach Public School system. He also has two grandchildren.

He retired from the service in 1984 as a master chief petty officer, received an associate's degree from Tidewater Community College, a bachelor's degree in business administration from Old Dominion University and a master of public administration degree from Golden Gate University.

He has been active as a Boy Scout leader, a Little League Baseball coach, and in the PTA.

Parmeale is a member of the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, Fleet Reserve Association, the Retired Enlisted Association, AARP and the Laurel Cove Civic League.

He is opposed to red tape, inefficiency in government, tax-and-spend philosophy of government officials, the Southeastern Parkway and Greenbelt because of quality of life and environmental concerns, and overly-expensive school and public buildings construction.

He is in favor of strict punishment for school violence and bomb threats, stronger enforcement of truancy laws, expanded HRT bus service, especially for senior citizens, and physically challenged individuals, cooperation with neighboring cities, managed residential and commercial development, more parental involvement in schools, better stormwater drainage in the low-lying areas, public/private partnerships where practical, more open spaces and parks and the extension of biking and walking trails and less destruction of trees and wetlands and beautification efforts along Shore Drive, Laskin Road and Virginia Beach Boulevard.

Also running for the at-large council seat are Valerie A. "Lady Luck" Carter, Beverly Boone Harris, Gerald McDonnell, Robert K. Dean and Rosemary C. Wilson.

John A. Baum was appointed by City Council to fill the seat made available with the resignation of Harold Heischberger at the beginning of the year. Baum will be replaced on July 1 by whoever is elected in the May 2 election.



SAFELY RIDING ALONG. The Giles triplets are all buckled in safely thanks to GEICO-donated car seats. The babies, from left, are Tiras, Paris and Nigel.

GEICO donates car seats

GEICO Direct has donated several car seats to the Hampton Roads Armed Services YMCA for distribution to military families throughout the community. The seats are part of a national program in which GEICO has donated more than 9,000 car seats since 1985.

The Hampton Roads ASYMCA was selected to participate in the program thanks to Jerry Sorrels, GEICO Direct franchise owner and ASYMCA board member.

The Car Seat Loan program allows the local ASYMCA to allow an active duty military family to borrow a car seat for whatever period of time they find it necessary, and then the seats are returned, inspected and loaned again where possible.

Several seats have already been distributed, including three to Ursula and Tim Giles, parents of triplets, who found themselves in the overwhelming position of having to purchase three of everything.

"We truly appreciate this donation. Quality car seats are so expensive. Multiply that by three and it can be really tough," Ursula said. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death among young children and GEICO has taken on the "Buckle Up Your Baby" cause to try to prevent needless tragedies.

Sierra Club hike

The Sierra Club will hold a singles outing Saturday, March 25 for a hike in First Landing State Park. Meet at the visitor's center at 10 a.m. Lunch will be held afterward.

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE SALE

5410 Grand Lake Crescent

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from David L. Dunbar, Sr. and Mildred M. Dunbar dated May 8, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3739, page 569, securing a loan which was originally \$43,200.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 31, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 1, Block P, "Amended Subdivision of Grand Lake, Section Two". Tax Map #1467-68-6748-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$4,200.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional. NP984231

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Lynchburg, Virginia 21075
(703) 777-8614

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE

3900 Riverside Circle

Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Cecil L. Stallings and Torea A. Stallings dated May 30, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3746, page 1794, securing a loan which was originally \$96,400.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 31, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 56, in Block B, as shown on that certain entitled "Plat of Resubdivision of Parcel A as shown on subdivision of Green Run Section C-3 part 1 and Green Run P.U.D. Subdivision Section C-3, part 2, Kempville Borough, Virginia". Tax Map #1485-38-1488-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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Judeo-Christian Outreach

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go away," Berthoff said. "We have to address that."

Besides nourishing the bodies of the area homeless, the center houses 50 residents in its shelter and teaches life-training and GED preparation classes in its education building.

While JCOC offers a variety of services to the homeless, those who live on the premises find that it is no free ride.

The center's staff say they operate under a "tough love" policy where residents must work toward improving the condition of their lives so that they can become self-sufficient.

"The program works," said Powell. However, he admits that many residents don't like that he is strict about them attending substance abuse classes if they have a drug or alcohol problem or requiring them to get a job and save their funds so they can eventually move out.

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Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
5628 Summit Arch #102
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Larry L. Gregory dated February 18, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3710, page 707, securing a loan which was originally \$30,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 24, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Unit 102, M Phase 2, Building 2, Newport Condominium. Tax Map #1467-39-756-359. The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$2,900.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional. NP006765

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Public Notice

Virginia:
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, March 28, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE

1. An Ordinance upon Application of Troy A. Titus for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District and R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on property located 210 feet more or less south of Indian River Road, beginning at a point 573.68 feet east of Kempsville Road (GPIN #1465-37-0414). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, service, office and other compatible uses within commercial centers in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 5221 Indian River Road and contains 1.474 acres. **DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE**

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Road to Emmaus for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the west side of Indian Lakes Boulevard, south of Providence Road (1465-92-1442). Said parcel is located at 1001 Indian Lakes Boulevard and contains 2.6433 acres. **DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE**

DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE

3. An Ordinance upon Application of New Covenant Presbyterian Church for Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the east side of Kempsville Road, 120 feet south of Quarry Lane (GPIN #1465-25-3375). Said parcel is located at 1552 Kempsville Road and contains 4.46 acres more or less. **DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE**

DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Oceana Church of Christ for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, east of N. Oceana Boulevard (GPIN #2417-16-1260; #2417-16-1370; #2417-16-1164; #2417-16-1060). Said parcel is located at 1460 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 1.4176 acres. **DISTRICT 6 - BEACH**

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STREET CLOSURE:

DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

5. Application of Oceana Development LP for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of an existing 50-foot right-of-way, 570 feet west of Bowland Parkway as shown on the plan entitled "Street Closure for Existing 50' Right-Of-Way at London Bridge Gardens" and recorded in Map Book 139, Page 14 (GPIN #1496-89-8793). Said parcel contains 20.8216 square feet. **DISTRICT 6 - BEACH**

AMENDMENT:

6. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the Comprehensive Plan by adoption of a Shore Drive Corridor Plan.

NONCONFORMING USE:

7. Application of Larry P. Herz for an enlargement in a nonconforming use on certain property on the south side of Delaware Avenue, east of Caribbean Avenue (GPIN #2417-50-9202, #2417-93-9254 (new)). Parcel is located at 712 Delaware Avenue and contains 7,000 square feet. **DISTRICT 6 - BEACH**

8. Application of James M. Amhold for the enlargement of a nonconforming use on Lot 3, Block B, Chesapeake Bay Shores. Property is located at 2414 Spinkner Court and contains 2,316.2 square feet. **DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN**

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AEE City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
9255 Enfield Chase
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Connor Wayne Meeks dated October 6, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3798, page 1956, securing a loan which was originally \$330,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 31, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 30, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Middle Plantation, Phase Six, Part 2, Lynnhaven Boulevard, Virginia Beach," Tax Map #1498-15-6900-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$35,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional. NP95841

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Draper & Goldberg, PLLC
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Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
6108 Tradewinds Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Neal W. Pinkerman and Lynn M. Pinkerman dated April 24, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed

Book 3608, page 2189, securing a loan which was originally \$89,150.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 7, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 18, Block K, "Plat of Level Green Subdivision, Site One, Part Three," Tax Map #1456-31-3069-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale. This sale is being made subject to the IRS right of redemption.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA. NP95514

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Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
437 E. Plantation Road
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Richard C. Ensley and Mary H. Ensley dated February 26, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3593, page 903, securing a loan which was originally \$94,500.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 31, 2000 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot Nineteen (19), in Block L, as shown on the plat of subdivision as Point O Woods, Section Two. Tax Map #2407-16-2909-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA. NP95998

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: Christopher Naughton, Plaintiff v.

Eileen Naughton, Defendant
CASE NO. CH-00-630

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for a divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii on the grounds of a one year separation.

It is ORDERED that Eileen Naughton appear and protect her interest, on or before April 24, 2000,

which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication. And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.
Date: March 1, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1048 Cedar Forest Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Kenneth J. Maurer and Kimberly A. Maurer dated December 23, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3326, page 2116, securing a loan which was originally \$75,550.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 17, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 43, as shown on the plat of Subdivision of Haven Estates, Section 2. Tax Map #1466-32-8188-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA. NP994652

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
458 Hill Meadow Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Stacy B. Martin and Lawrence W. Martin Jr. dated July 29, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3927, page 1018, securing a loan which was originally \$44,250.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 17, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 30, Block B, as shown on that certain plat entitled, "Resubdivision of Lots 1-27 (M 129, P. 12) Hilltop South, Lynnhaven Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #2407-96-9764-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$4,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional. NP995704

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
628 Aylesbury Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Allen J. Teitler dated September 20, 1991 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3019, page 1984, securing a loan which was originally \$82,050.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 17, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot L8, Block C, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Amhurst Phase IIB, Bayside Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #1467-59-6121-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA. NP996062

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: Jamie Ann Miller v. Amos Lloyd Miller

Jamie Ann Miller, Plaintiff v. Amos Lloyd Miller, Defendant

CASE NO. CH-00-209

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for the plaintiff to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii upon the grounds of being separated for more than one year.

It is ORDERED that Amos Lloyd Miller appear and protect his interest, on or before April 6, 2000, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: February 14, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
912 Creston Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Christopher Odachowski dated August 12, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3935, page 1130, securing a loan which was originally \$104,400.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 17, 2000 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 63, in Block D, as shown on that plat entitled "Charlestowne

Lakes, South, Section 3, part 'A', Kempsville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #1464-26-0981-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$10,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA. NP006656

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4472 Clemons Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Eugene Taylor, Jr. dated March 22, 1993 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3194, page 105, securing a loan which was originally \$139,200.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 17, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 16, Block F, Section 9, Salem Woods, as recorded in Map Book 160, page 52. Tax Map #1495-66-2508-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$13,100.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA. NP995387

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

Trustee Sale of
2244 Elon Drive
Virginia Beach

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Gary E. Fullerton and Margaret G. Chaney to Gerald L. Kerr III, trustee, dated September 10, 1997 and recorded in Virginia Beach Circuit Court Clerk's Office in Deed Book 3786 at page 730, default having been made in the payment of the note secured thereby, the trustee will offer for sale at public auction the following property: Lot 16, Squire Lawns subdivision recorded in the aforesaid Clerk's Office in Map Book 111, at page 55-A. The auction will be at 10:00 A.M. on March 30, 2000 at the office of Gerald L. Kerr III, P.C., 3634 South Plaza Trail, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462.

Terms: Cash: A deposit of \$6,300.00 cash or cashier's check is required at time of sale with the balance in full within ten days of sale.

Gerald L. Kerr, III, Trustee
Gerald Kerr
3634 South Plaza Trail
Virginia Beach, VA
(757) 340-7882

Spring training inspires the would-be greats in all of us

Each year, when spring training begins for ball players, I inevitably begin thinking about a career choice I made many years ago. If I had that choice to make again — knowing what I know now — I'd be a Major League Baseball player.



Out in Left Field

By Bob Ruesgeger, columnist

Tigers from certain annihilation. It was in the city of Philadelphia, and I had just graduated from kindergarten. My luntatic brothers were probably with my dad in our Philadelphia apartment on Broad Street, not far from the Naval Shipyard.

I had just purchased my first pack of baseball trading cards. In those days, a huge slab of bubble gum came in each pack. I stuffed the entire slab into my mouth; I was in the middle of a bubble gum orgy.

As I was walking across the street — with my mom holding one hand — I was thumbing through the baseball cards with the other. Al Kaline was among them. Although I didn't know an outfielder from an infielder fly in those early years, I knew a Detroit Tiger when I saw the logo.

Al Kaline slipped from my hand and landed in the middle of the trolley tracks. I escaped my mother's grasp and impulsively turned to save Kaline from certain destruction. If I had hesitated even for 30 seconds, a Philadelphia trolley car would have cut the Tiger star in half. Kaline, as I recall, never found out about my heroics.

That same year I witnessed the first Major League Baseball game in the City of Brotherly Love. I have no idea who was playing, but I remember that it was a night game. Chances are the St. Louis Cardinals were whipping

the Phillies. My dad was a lifelong Cardinals fan and loved to see Stan "The Man" Musial play.

During that game, my dad somehow acquired a baseball bat and presented it to me — probably an Eddie Gaedel model. I can remember dragging it around with me wherever I went for almost a year. That was my very first bat. If I had become a power hitter — like McGwire or Sosa — that would have truly been an auspicious beginning.

As my baseball career blossomed, I decided to focus on another facet of the game. Hitting home runs was not my forte. In fact, those who coached me in my youth felt that I had eschewed hitting altogether. Honestly, I was no Henry Aaron. I was a left-handed batter with less power than a 25 watt light bulb.

In my youth, I especially admired Warren Spahn, the Milwaukee Braves' career left-hander. I decided, like Spahn, pitching would be my specialty. Anyone can use a good lefty pitcher. Some things in baseball just never change.

As an aspiring hurler, I lacked only two things: speed and control. I couldn't throw the ball through a paper bag, and I didn't have a clue where the ball was going when it exited my hand. Always an optimist, I viewed these unique features of my pitching technique in a positive light, while some folks might have considered such peculiarities unmitigated liabilities. Every pitch I tossed was a potential brush-back pitch, but the opposing hitters had plenty of time to saunter out of harm's way. When I hit a batter — and I whacked a more than a few — no one suffered much.

Much to my consternation, coaches saw my pitching strategy in a far different light and promptly converted me into a right fielder. Although I only had the occasion to catch one fly ball in right field during two seasons, I always endeavored to play the game with as much aptitude as I could muster. Right field was my lonely domain.

During a single inning of one of the few games I played in left field, I retired the opposing side single-handedly. I caught three fly balls. While two of the catches were routine, the third grab bordered on the spectacular. Quite a feat for an erstwhile right fielder.

Defensive play became my new specialty. My fielding games were the true highlights of a rather modest career in baseball. I habitually made routine plays look sensational. I confess that it was a gift. I kept one eye on the grandstand and the other on the ball. Stumbling and falling, I was usually able to make an easy catch look extraordinary. I considered baseball an art form — not merely a sport.

Opposing coaches gazed at me in complete awe — utter astonishment might be more accurate — for they rarely had an opportunity to observe an outfielder with such unorthodox technique. My own coaches were generally speechless; when they did speak, they called me either "Hotdog" or "Grandstand." No doubt out of heartfelt approval.

As someone, probably Yogi Berra, once said, "It's easy! You hit the ball. You catch the ball. You throw the ball."

Somewhere along the line, baseball became too elementary a game. I lost interest, and I let baseball go.

I guess I simply needed a challenge in life. Anyone with my exceptional athletic ability could play Major League Baseball. I chose to be different.

My field of dreams would not be on a baseball diamond. I decided to do something bordering on the impossible: I would earn a comfortable living as a writer and become a literary giant.

Looking back over 30 years, I'm convinced that I should have not have abandoned baseball so hastily. I'd probably be a multi-millionaire by now. Invariably, hindsight is 20-20, but I honestly do see things from a different perspective now. Heck, anyone with half a brain can write — with the possible exception of Shoeless Joe Jackson — but he could knock the cover off the ball. When you can slap a baseball 550 feet, few folks care if you can speak — much less read or write. "Say it ain't so, Joe."

Yeah, if I could turn back the hands of time, I'd certainly do things differently. I'd become a Major League player instead of a writer. That's a real no-brainer. Then all I'd ever have to write would be my name — to endorse my checks, sign autographs, and stuff like that. Of course, I'd only sign autographs when I really felt like it.



IF HE COULD TURN BACK TIME. The columnist turned his back on a Major League career in order to pursue life as a literary giant. Only two things stood between him and a career as a sensation left-handed pitcher — speed and control.

Agency racks in Addy Award honors

Barker Campbell Farley and Mansfield Advertising and Public Relations (BCF&M) outdistanced the competition for the second consecutive year in the annual Hampton Roads Addy competition, winning Best of Show and a total of 16 awards, including six Addy Awards and 10 Citations of Excellence.

The Virginia Beach-based agency captured top honors for excellence in advertising for television, radio, newspaper, direct marketing, public service, mixed media campaigns and business to consumer pieces.

"Being honored in so many different categories really underscores the creativity and cutting-edge thinking that we put to work for every client," BCF&M partner Bill Campbell said. "We apply a fresh approach to everything we do — from traditional newspaper advertising to new media," he said.

A series of four regional/national television spots for Virginia Beach Convention and Visitor Development, featured nationally-known comedic actor Thom Sharpe talking to tourists about Virginia Beach's

year-round appeal. Each captured an Addy award.

"PITV," a 60-second spot promoting a direct response to a 1-800 number for Virginia Beach tourism, won The Best in Show Award.

"The Little Beach Book" for Virginia Beach received an Addy in the business to consumer category.

In the newspaper category, the agency captured Citations of Excellence for Valley Hospital's "Thinking Small," "Ginny Campbell" and "Website Awareness" campaigns. Hampton Roads Transit branding and bus card campaigns won Citations of Excellence in the mixed media category.

Virtua Health's 30-second TV spot, "Babies" received a Citation of Excellence in the consumer health category, and a CD Rom graphic design for Sentara Health Systems won a Citation of Excellence in the interactive media category.

The agency, a long-time supporter of the local United Way campaign, also picked up a Citation of Excellence for its United Way 60-second "I Need" radio spot.

Young actors sought for 'Friend in Time' show

"Friends In Time," a musical theatre production for ages 5 to 15 presented by High Frequency Wavelengths, creates a time warp between contemporary time and colonial life in Virginia.

Written by local author Mary Esterlund, "Friends In Time" has been presented in classrooms in Fredericksburg as part of students' curriculum. Marilyn Danitz, director, and Glenda Palmer, music director, will be including dance and singing from the present and colonial times.

The play is set in a pizza parlor with the protagonist's family having dinner. Through an accident, the protagonist time travels to a 17th-century farmhouse and is welcomed into the kitchen, warm with the aroma of cornbread and squirrel stew.

Social mores, economic and po-

litical concerns are contrasted in the dialogue between the boys, one of the 21st century the other of the 17th century. The production, based on the Virginia Standards of Learning and the National Standards for Arts Education, is designed to enhance academic studies.

Additions will be held Friday, March 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. Classes are on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The performance will be on Sunday, May 14 at 3 p.m. For an audition appointment call, 422-1240.

AARP to meet

Princess Anne AARP Chapter 5119 will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 14 at the Princess Anne Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Plkwy.

Gayle Nichols Scott will speak on regulations of drugs and medicines. At 12:30 p.m. the Virginia Beach Department will provide blood pressure readings. Visitors and prospective members, age 50 and over, are welcome.

Call 430-2646 or 426-7023 for additional information.

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Volunteers gearing up to walk for healthy babies

The Virginia Beach/Norfolk WalkAmerica 2000 will be held Saturday, April 29 at 31st Street Park in Virginia Beach. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. and the walk at 9 a.m. with a picnic and band festival to follow.

Bands include Pink Fat, Clearwater, Patti Costas Band, the H.M. Johnson Band, the Blue Lords and Bandammit.

There will be costumed characters, face painters, karate demonstrations and other fun. Les Smith and Alveda Ewell of WAVY TV 10 are the honorary walk chairs and will be on hand for the opening ceremonies, along with Jimmy Ray and Jay from Eagle 97. Jimmy Ray and Jay will begin walking on Tuesday in Williamsburg and will arrive in Virginia Beach the morning of the walk.

Helen Rose Adams is the Virginia Beach/Norfolk WalkAmerica Ambassador Child.

Her story started as a nightmare for Steven and Eva Adams. The monster was a mysterious black hole (spina bifida) in Helen's ultrasound that consumed the couple's hopes of having a second healthy child, just six months after Eva suffered a miscarriage.

Steven, a Navy aircraft mechanic, found out about the experimental fetal surgery at Vanderbilt University. Only one other hospital in the

country was using the procedure, in which doctors lift the uterus from the mother's body, cleave it open and close the tissue over the fetus' exposed spinal cord.

Helen was born Oct. 7 about five weeks after the surgery, but about five weeks before she was due. She was literally kicking and screaming. She could feel her father tickle her feet. She could curl her toes.

This would have never been possible without this surgery. She would have been confined to a wheelchair for the rest of her life and would have had water on the brain. Helen is now 17 months old, has taken a few steps and can now sit alone.

The March of Dimes helped to fund the surgery that helped to save Helen's life. Sponsors for Virginia Beach/Norfolk WalkAmerica are Kmart, Florida Orange Growers, CIGNA, Canon, Dollar Tree Stores, Sentara, Farm Fresh, WAVY TV, Eagle 97 and 103 JAMZ.

Committee members are co-chairs H. Robert Jones and Christine Russo. Other members are Ella Burris, Al Crawford, Linda Holland, Donovan Jones, Katherine Leigh, Darlene Bailey Lentini, Patti Plecker, Doug Albert, Ron Villanueva and Teri Tregoning.

Call 486-1001 for more information regarding the walk.

Program targeting at-risk youth accepting applications

The Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Department is accepting applications for the Take A Stand Program for youth.

Developed by the department's Aquatic Unit, the free program will assist youths in obtaining aquatic skills and on-the-job training necessary to gain employment as American Red Cross certified lifeguards and first responders.

Applications, found at any Virginia Beach Recreation Center, are due by March 13.

Very few youth at risk of "falling through the cracks," obtain swim instruction at higher skill levels. Constraints due to social and economic barriers and some cultural traditions act as deterrents too.

Although the Take A Stand program was developed in 1999 to provide training opportunities to all Virginia Beach youth, the effort specifically may enable disadvantaged youth to become certified lifeguards and obtain employment, as well as become positive role models within their communities.

In order to be considered for the Take A Stand Program, youths must:

- Be 15 1/2 years of age.
- Fill out an application which can be obtained from an Aquatics Supervisor at any Virginia Beach Recreation Center.

Pass a swim test (swim 500 meters continuously (100 meters of the crawl, breaststroke, sidestroke and 200 meters of optional stroke), tread water for two minutes and retrieve a brick from 10 feet underwater).

- Participate in a personal interview.

Upon being accepted, applicants will experience curriculum in American Red Cross Lifeguard Training, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Training, Interview and Hiring Training, as well as the opportunity to gain on-the-job experience during their volunteer work.

Applicants who successfully complete the program could easily become Virginia Beach Recreation Center lifeguards at \$7.14 per hour.

The city of Virginia Beach, Department of Parks and Recreation and the Tidewater Chapter of the American Red Cross subsidized the Take A Stand Program.

Divorce workshop set for Saturday

The Virginia Fatherhood Initiative, a statewide non-profit charitable organization focusing on issues affecting fathers and their children, will hold a monthly workshop, "What Men Need to Know About Divorce."

This intensive four-hour seminar about the legal process and laws on divorce, property, pensions, child and spousal support, child custody and related issues will be presented by a domestic relations attorney.

It will be held Saturday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Pembroke 4 Office Building, fifth floor conference room in Virginia Beach.

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Candidates hurl brickbats at council motives for reports

Plant sale

The South Hampton Roads Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society will hold its annual plant sale March 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Francis Land House. The sale will be located on the front lawn of the historic house. Perennials, shrubs and small trees to plant in seaside and woodland gardens will be available for purchase. Seeds for purple gerardia, seashore mallow, Joe Pye, and butterfly weed will also be available. All proceeds from this plant sale will be used for area beautification and education. This sale will be held in conjunction with the annual Gathering of the Guilds at the Francis Land House. The house is located at 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach. Call 431-4000 for information.

Seniors sought

The Virginia Beach Mayor's Commission on Aging is now accepting nominations for its Award for Exceptional Accomplishments in Service to Senior Citizens. The nominee may be an individual or an organization that operates within the city of Virginia Beach. An "exceptional" contribution is a "new or continuing initiative undertaken to expand, improve or establish new programs," according to Dr. Robert Hutchinson of the Mayor's Commission on Aging. The contribution must have occurred within the year prior to the date of nomination. The nomination deadline is April 21. To obtain a nomination form, call Dr. Hutchinson, 631-1466.

Mini job fairs

The Virginia Beach Department of Social Services recently began hosting mini job fairs at their offices at 3432 Virginia Beach Blvd. Employers will be available every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In order to provide applicants quality service and assistance, job seekers are encouraged to arrive no later than 11 a.m.

Two or more major employers in the Hampton Roads area will be present each week to meet with job seekers and accept applications for employment. All of the employers represented will have current job openings, and some will conduct on-site interviews. The mini job fairs are free and open to the public. Applicants should bring resumes or complete employment histories and be dressed for success. For more information call, 437-3592 or 437-3595.

'Bolivian Images'

"Bolivian Images," a dazzling exhibition of oil paintings by Jasmine Tritten, opens April 1 at The Artists Gallery, 2407 Pacific Avenue.

With colorful impressionistic images from small, unique villages high in the Andes Mountains, the exhibit features the Quechua Indians, descendants of the Incas.

"Bolivian Images," opens Saturday, April 1, with a reception from 5 to 9 p.m. and remains on view through April 29 at The Artists Gallery. Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

31st St. website

The city of Virginia Beach unveiled a new website designed specifically to directly inform Virginia Beach citizens about the 31st Street Redevelopment Project. The site features detailed information on the project scope, its key benefits, frequently asked questions by citizens and media, information on investment partnerships, and a section on "Why We Chose Park PLUS," a comparative analysis of the pros and cons of the proposed development.

The webpage is located at <http://www.virginia-beach.va.us> under "What's Hot."

Crime conference

The Virginia Crime Prevention Association (VCPA) will hold its 22nd annual conference March 21-24 at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel.

The conference will offer a wide variety of training sessions geared toward law enforcement personnel and civilians alike. The three training tracks being offered include: Technology, Professional Development and Women's Issues. A Safety and Security Fair will be the highlight for this year's conference March 21 from 3 to 7 p.m. There will be various exhibitors who will have displays on topics such as locks, lighting, personal safety and other crime prevention related information.

For more information regarding the conference or registration, contact the Virginia Crime Prevention Association, (804) 359-8120, or the Virginia Beach Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, 563-1757.

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

A letter addressed to Mayor Meyera Oberndorf and City Manager James K. Spore from three City Council candidates running as a team in the May councilmanic election raised tempers among sitting council members at Tuesday's council workshop.

The letter signed by councilman Don Weeks, who is running for re-election, and Robert K. Dean, a former council member, and Wally Erb who are running for council, is written on Weeks, Dean, Erb stationery carrying the message "You Can Fight City Hall." It was enough to raise objections from Vice Mayor William D. Sessoms Jr. He said that the things stated in the letter were inaccurate.

Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr., who has had sharp words for Weeks on previous occasions, said that "maybe if you had showed up (at the August 1999 re-

treas) we could get something done you agree with."

The letter asks the city to immediately discontinue its "blatantly political issue ads that the Public Information Office is thinly disguising as alleged FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)."

The letter says that a "lot of people in this city don't make \$3,000-plus a week and we resent our government spending that much of our tax dollars on a campaign to justify the increasingly unpopular sanctions of the council and bolster the sagging re-election chances of those members of council who supported these projects."

"If the council genuinely desires to better inform the citizens about details — benefits, advantages and disadvantages of such projects — it should lay all facts on the table and stop negotiating deals in the back room. Give the public full and timely opportunity to review, question,

comment on and be heard by their city leaders, instead of listened to and ignored.

"To do otherwise is pure political propaganda that the taxpayers object to, along with us."

In response Spore points out in a letter directed to the three that the city has an obligation to communicate with and hopefully inform its citizens on important issues of the day. He said that the city has a responsibility to take reasonable steps to inform and involve the citizens.

He says that during the past few years, City Council has placed greater emphasis on communicating with residents and that increasing the flow and quality of public information was one of the top priorities expressed by council at its August 1999 retreat.

He said that the FAQs are actually one of the most cost-effective means the city has to reach large numbers of citizens.

The roughly \$2,000 per page cost of an FAQ places information into approximately 100,000 Virginia Beach households, he says, which translates to a cost of two cents per family or four cents in the case of a two-page FAQ.

The FAQs, he says have a single purpose, to communicate accurate, sometimes complex information and context to the citizens and ultimately to help achieve the city's goal of a better informed public.

Spore points out that the attorney general has reasoned that "the views of a local governing body are an essential element in the debate of a public issue and concludes that it is 'proper' for the governing body or agency to make appropriate comment on the effects of important public issues."

Since the inception of the FAQ pro-

See BRICKBATS, Page 4



DIGGING IN. City officials broke ground Saturday for the new Bow Creek Neighborhood Park. The event brought out 100 residents to mark the occasion on a site which was once considered a neighborhood blight, the Bow Creek Motel. Turning shovels of dirt, from left, are City Manager Jim Spore; Parks and Recreation Director Sara Hensley; Mayor Meyera Oberndorf; teen volunteer Calvin Cephas; Councilwoman Reba McClanahan; and civic league representative Jeff Nicholls.

Hope springs on site of former Va. Beach blight

By Deanne Brady
Correspondent

For residents neighboring the area where the Bow Creek Motel once resided, Saturday afternoon was a time of celebration. More than 100 of them joined together along with city officials at a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the beginning of a new era.

The site that once had police making regular visits to settle domestic disputes and bust occupants for narcotics and other illegal activity will soon be transformed

into the Bow Creek Neighborhood Park, where children can play and families can ride their bikes along its tree-lined path.

Many in this community weren't sure if they'd ever see this day.

"It feels really good," said Richard Jones, president of Princess Anne Plaza Civic League. "We could only hope in the beginning."

Having the park will only increase the quality of life for the neighborhood, he added.

What began as a small group of resi-

dents banding together five years ago protesting the unlawful and disruptive behavior that dominated the nearby motel scene eventually grew into a more effective movement once the civic league joined the crusade about three years ago.

Together, they asked Virginia Beach City Council to do something about the predicament.

In response, the city purchased the building last September for \$1.8 million.

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Mayor calls for 'Virtual' City Hall

By Deanne Brady
Correspondent

Have you ever wondered why you can purchase an airline ticket over the Internet, but you can't pay off that darn parking ticket you got the other day the same way?

Or wondered why you can e-mail your opinions and comments to your local

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Mayor Meyera Oberndorf on bringing government into the Digital Age

news stations, but can't tell the city government what you think about their laws and bureaucratic ways?

That may soon change if Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf gets his way.

At her State of the City Address last week at Holiday Inn Executive Center, Oberndorf told the crowd at the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce sponsored event that she plans to create a "Virtual City Hall."

The mayor explained to the Virginia Beach business community that a move to e-government would create a better relationship between the government and the people. She noted that bringing the city government into the Digital Age would increase the communication flow between both parties.

"Nothing could be potentially more democratic and more empowering of the individual citizen," she said.

Residents can access the site soon at www.VBgov.com; however, they will not be able to use the interactive services yet. City officials hope to have the site functioning within a year.

Oberndorf cited other cities around the country that have already implemented the new technology. In Phoenix, Ariz.

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City had a good year in Richmond

Nearly every wish in legislative package fulfilled by Assembly

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Robert Matthias, assistant to the city manager who looks after the city's interests in Richmond, reported to City Council Tuesday at a council workshop that it was an "exceptionally good General Assembly session."

He said that every item in the city's legislative package was addressed to the satisfaction of the city except for the one related to hate crimes — to include sexual orientation in definition of hate

crimes.

The assembly made up the \$12.8 million shortfall in the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) budget and approved \$1.9 million the Hampton Roads Transportation (HRT) innovative-buses plan.

Matthias said that requiring annual valuation studies of the VRS using June 30, 1999 as the valuation date will save the state \$113.1 million during the next biennium.

And, all funding cut by the governor

for non-state agencies was replaced.

Among other actions:

■ The SQ (Standards of Quality) teacher salary increase in the first year of the biennium will be 2.4 percent on Dec. 1, 2000.

■ State aid to libraries is fully funded.

■ The CSA was moved from the secretary of education to the secretary of health and human services.

■ The CSA allocation to each locality changed from the current methodology to the latest fiscal year or a three year average, which ever is greater.

■ \$4.5 million is provided in each year for non-mandated cases.

■ The public beach board receives \$230,000 for a grant fund.

■ Norfolk received \$100,000 to dredge Pretty Lake.

■ \$6.2 million was provided for each year for open space land purchase.

■ \$870,000 was provided to develop a comprehensive non-tidal wetlands management program for HB 1170 and SB 648.

■ \$850,000 was provided to develop statewide water planning.

■ \$100,100 was provided for the Elizabeth River cleanup.

■ Virginia Beach may receive matching funds for a federal grant for a drug court program.

Additional funding — \$1.75 million for

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Commentary

TORNADO PREPAREDNESS DAY

Go low, get low

Complete devastation. Lives shattered. Loved ones lost. Families starting over with nothing. This is reality for people whose lives are altered forever when deadly tornadoes strike. People lose homes, vehicles and other worldly possessions. All that's left is what they can salvage from picking through the rubble of their lives.

These forces of nature can be described in three words: spectacular, awesome, deadly.

Though it's the Midwest tornadoes that typically make headlines, Virginians shouldn't be lulled into a false sense of security that such weather can't happen here. It can and has.

Nine tornadoes ripped through Virginia last year, leaving injuries and destruction but, fortunately, no deaths. Hurricane Dennis spawned last year's most damaging tornado, which crashed into several apartment complexes and an assisted-living facility in Hampton. More than 460 people lost their homes, and damage estimates reached \$7.7 million.

In 1996, 24 tornadoes were reported in Virginia, four times the average of six per year. In 1993, 18 tornadoes struck the state in one day — killing four people and injuring more than 200 in Petersburg, Hopewell and Colonial Heights.

When preparing for tornadoes, the most important step is to find safe shelter. The general rule for tornado safety is "go low and get low," according to Bill Sammler, warning coordination meteorologist with the National Weather Service (NWS). "You should go to the lowest level of the structure you are in, away from windows. Crouch in a low position, and protect your head."

Tornadoes can hit anywhere at any time. Typically, however, tornado season is April through October with twisters striking between 3 and 9 p.m. Always born out of severe thunderstorms, tornadoes can be stationary or moving.

Gov. Jim Gilmore has proclaimed March 28 as Tornado Preparedness Day in Virginia, just in time for the tornado season. At 9:45 a.m. that day, the Virginia Department of Emergency Services and NWS will conduct a statewide tornado drill. The purpose is to provide schools, businesses and residents with an opportunity to test their emergency plans. The warning will be tone-alerted and broadcast on NOAA weather radio. The Emergency Alert System will be holding a statewide test at the same time.

Before the drill, take time to review some simple safety and preparedness tips:

■ The best shelter from a tornado is a basement. If you don't have one, go to a room without windows nearest the center of the house or the lowest level of the house.

■ Avoid windows. Opening windows to equalize pressure is ineffective in reducing damage during a tornado.

■ Mobile homes are extremely unsafe. Seek shelter elsewhere.

■ If caught in an open building, like a shopping mall, go into the restroom.

■ If outside when a tornado strikes, try to find shelter immediately in the nearest substantial building. If no buildings are close, lie flat in a ditch or other ground depression.

■ If in a vehicle, get out and try to find shelter. A bridge, overpass, culvert or ditch can all provide shelter.

Know the facts and be prepared. — V.E.H.

PETA brews up bad idea

Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, here's something for everyone getting ready to raise a glass of green beer to consider: PETA says college students should be drinking beer instead of milk.



Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

website says it succinctly, "Wipe away those milk mustaches and replace them with...foam."

I've heard it all. Being in the news industry, few things shock me. But this did. I honestly did. My blood began to boil as I read and reread the article. Could this be an early April Fools' Day joke?

Knowing the scathing letter I'll probably get from the PETA people for criticizing their ludicrous campaign, I decided to hit the keyboard anyway for my report.

There are some problems with this campaign "against" milk and "for" beer.

My chief concern is the message PETA is sending to college students.

We know that drinking — under-

age drinking, no less — is a problem on our campuses of higher learning. We know about hazing and its dangers. We know students die each year from drinking too much, and I'm not even addressing the drinking and driving concerns.

And now PETA is telling college students to drink beer, not milk?

I wasn't 121 until my senior year of college, making me less than the legal drinking age for my other three years of college. Roughly two-thirds to three-fourths of college students are under 21. PETA is telling them to drink beer, too.

In its crusade against the "evils" of milk, it's exacerbating another — and much worse — problem. And, by the way, how many of us consider drinking milk a bad thing anyway?

Then again, most of us aren't PETA, though I would bet that the majority of people are animal lovers. I've rarely met someone who didn't like animals.

I love animals. I've had and still have pets. I don't consider drinking milk an affront to animal or mankind.

Another problem with PETA's campaign is its lopsided findings on the nutritional goodness of beer and badness of milk.

PETA compared data which can be found on any milk carton and beer bottle. In pitting a cup of 2 percent milk against a cup of regular beer, it found milk had 5 grams of fat and 20 milligrams of cholesterol. It also says milk has five times as much sodium as beer and one-third more calories.

Problem is, what about the vitamins and minerals?

Sure, it's nice to know about the fat grams and calories. If you want to go for no-fat, drink fat-free milk. You'll

still get your calcium, vitamin D and other nutrients. And some protein, too.

What will one get nutritionally from drinking a beer? Hmm. I dunno, but drink enough of them and you'll get a good buzz. You can't get drunk from downing a few glasses of milk. But you will get strong, healthy bones and teeth.

Oh yeah, I almost forgot, I've heard of getting a beer gut. But a milk gut? Please!

Simply put, PETA's campaign is irresponsible. While I can appreciate its concern for animal rights, I think most of us would agree that the organization often goes overboard on its tactics — this campaign in particular.

A PETA spokesperson quoted in the article said that the organization uses shock tactics like this because it doesn't "have the budgets of the animal exploitation industries." Its concern with milk and spinach products is the conditions endured by dairy cows.

Guess we're not supposed to eat cheese, yogurt, ice cream or other dairy products either.

Nope, the PETA spokesperson says we should be using soy milk instead because "beer on your breakfast cereal, for example, just aren't a good mix."

One final thought: Do you think beer will start appearing on the Nutritional Pyramid in place of milk and other dairy products? I doubt it.

So enjoy your St. Patty's Day beer. I will. I won't be drinking milk, but not because PETA told me I shouldn't. There's just nothing like a good brew for the luck of the Irish.

Remember those who served on the homefront, too

As usual in his Random Ramblers column in the *Chesapeake Clipper*, Tony Stein (a retired staff writer for the *Virginian-Pilot*) wrote a very interesting column about his memories of World War II on the homefront.

Though not old enough to serve in the military, he told how as a Boy Scout he collected old pots and pans for conversion into war material and learned first aid in casualty drills.



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist

Later, he became an air raid warden's messenger and a courier in practice blackouts. I noticed that he never complained about the hardships suffered by those on the homefront.

True, they were not in harm's way as far as combat is concerned, but there was a shortage of almost everything — meat, butter, sugar, gas, silk stockings, shoes, even medicine, but few complaints.

Some scum made fortunes in the black market, but they were in the minority. I always felt ashamed when I would come home on leave. My mother would have saved her sugar stamps and the neighborhood butcher would always come up with some bacon and a steak or two. Mama was so proud to have those things for me and I appreciated it very much, but the American service men and women were very well while stationed in the states.

I saw butter, bacon, steaks and all of the rationed items at home thrown into the garbage cans at the mess halls. I will admit that overseas in the Pacific Islands sometimes food was scarce, but I always found a Seabee Unit mess hall and they fed real good.

Women worked in the war plants right along with the men, and history has proven that they did one hell of a good job. Other kids like Tony collected tin cans and pots, which was converted into bullets. Mothers probably suffered more because they never knew when that telegram would arrive advising them that their son or daughter had been killed in action. Wives suffered, too, but the loss of a son or daughter is the most devastating thing that can happen to a parent. There is nothing to compare to it.

Many relatives on the homefront died broken-hearted over the loss of their loved ones. As far as a memorial to World War II veterans goes, I think it's a great idea. However, I have never given it too much thought until now because I have always felt that the Marines raising the flag on Iwo Jima was sufficient for me since I served in the Marine Corps. But other branches should be honored also.

In addition to a memorial for those who served in the military, something should be done to honor those who served on the homefront.

Welcome to the real world.

Public funding will clean up stench

For years I have wondered where the League of Women Voters has been hiding when it comes to Virginia's corrupt campaign finance system. Finally, they have emerged, at least at the Beach. Their proposal to ask candidates for mayoral and City Council seats to limit their campaign spending to \$25,000 is at least a step in the right direction.



Perspectives

By Eileen Huey, columnist

Of course, it will be totally ineffective because it still leaves the power of how our elections are conducted in the hands of the candidates with the fat bank accounts, or those with friends who can write big checks for favors down the line.

But the real credit for taking a stand against the ceding of our right to representative government to the dollar-beseeching lobbyists goes to our local civic associations. They have been trying to put the brakes on our government-for-sale to the highest bidder for years.

Perhaps we can thank the McCain phenomena for finally getting this issue on the front-burner in Hampton Roads. If so, Sen. McCain may have just lost the battle, but won the war.

We must not let this long-awaited moment pass without telling it like it is. Voluntary spending limits are better than our current system which reeks like gym socks left unwashed in a locker.

But they will not work in the seedy world of modern day politics. Too many politicians will all passionately

The sanest response, especially on the local level, is to adopt public financing of our election campaigns.

support cleaning up the system at the front door while they scoop up the tainted money at the back.

McCain had it exactly right — we need to give the government back to the people. Whether there is less or more government is not nearly as critical as who the government is in the first place. No American should allow wealthy lawyers, doctors and the Indian chiefs of our society to set our legislative agenda.

And it's not just the wealthy elite whose dollar buys undue influence. Equally dangerous are the big checks written by special interest groups who incur favors from political leaders by funding "so-called" independent funding of negative ads and push poll phone calls against their opponent on the eve of the election.

The sanest response, especially on the local level, is to adopt public financing of our election campaigns. One major benefit of a publicly-financed campaign is that we could also stop the milking of the candidates by our broadcast media. Any radio or TV station unwilling to provide free debate and message time for the candidates would simply lose its license to broadcast in the region. There is little doubt the stations would quickly find the time to support our democracy.

But what can we do about the so-called "independent expenditures?"

Wouldn't those groups still be able to swamp our airways, leaving the candidates helpless to respond. Well, not if we strictly enforce the law that requires them to be truly independent. That is, before anyone could spend money for a political ad or push poll supporting or attacking a particular candidate, they would have to disclose who they are and how they are funded.

The burden would be on them to prove they have no connection with any candidate, and if they could not do so, stiff fines should be awarded in favor of the city whose election they attempted to corrupt. Any candidate guilty of coordinating phony independent expenditures would, of course, be disqualified; and, if already elected when the evidence surfaces, removed from office.

Special interests groups could run issues ads all they want without facing such stiff disclosure requirements. But those issues ads must not mention any candidate by name without the group being required to face the same scrutiny and abide by the same rules that govern the candidates themselves.

We have every right to get tough with those who are willing to corrupt our constitutional republic. Those who seek to bribe our public officials deserve our ire and public scorn in every way, shape and form. And it's time we stopped them from hiding behind our First Amendment.

Our individual right to freedom of speech gives no citizen, individually or collectively, the right to buy our elections and corrupt our system of representative government.

Hold massive demonstrations if you want to make a point, or spend all the money you want to argue on your issue. But no American should have the right to buy undue influence over our public officials, either with campaign contributions or by any other means.

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Census 2000: It's how Virginia Beach knows what the city needs

The United States Constitution requires the federal government to count the number of people in the United States every 10 years. A Complete Count Committee has been working diligently to assure that everyone



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberdorf

completes their Census form and mails it in by April 1.

If you fail to fill out and mail in this form, you may be responsible for the city of Virginia Beach losing millions and/or billions of dollars that would go toward programs such as HeadStart, Meals — on

Wheels, 911, job training programs for working, single mothers and the disabled, our schools free lunch program for low-income families — in fact, every program that is funded by state and federal governments are affected if a complete count is not obtained.

Billions of federal and state dollars that could be designated to such programs are lost when people do not fill out their form and mail it in. It is not just lost for one year, but for each during the 10-year period.

Census information assists in determining a community's needs and in planning for services such as transportation, job training, healthcare, child care and facilities for seniors. Census data also assists businesses in locating stores, offices and factories and in preparing advertising campaigns for appropriate markets.

Business and community leaders, who are part of my Complete Count Committee for Census 2000, have been working diligently since Sept. 1, in cooperation with the U.S. Census Bureau and other Hampton Roads municipalities, to assure that Virginia Beach has a strong participation in Census 2000. On Feb. 28, Daniel Lepow, representative for the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater and his sub-committee for the Undercounted, (the homeless, minorities, people with disabilities, children and members of low-income families), held a phone-a-thon at the Virginia Beach Health Clinic at the oceanfront. Approximately 100 churches, civic leagues and community groups were called and offered printed materials that would assist them in getting the word out to their congregations, members and residents.

The Complete Count Committee will hold a Special Census 2000 Kick-off event at Lynnhaven Mall on Saturday, March 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The main activities will take place in the corridor outside the Hecht's anchor store. The day will feature entertainment, puppet shows, art contest, essay contest and lots more fun.

In Virginia Beach, residents will receive their Federal Census forms in the mail between March 6-22. Census workers will canvass neighborhoods in an effort to ensure that every resident of Virginia Beach is counted. Information obtained from the census will determine how much of that money will be spent here in Hampton Roads and, more specifically, right here in Virginia Beach.

The information you provide will affect the decision regarding education, health care, libraries, senior facilities, job training, roads, transportation and economic development.

Some people are afraid that the

Census information assists in determining a community's needs and in planning for services such as transportation, job training, healthcare, child care and facilities for seniors.

information they give on their census form will not remain confidential. I want to assure you that by law, census workers can face a five-year prison term and/or a \$5,000 fine if the information they obtain during the Census is given out in any manner.

Two versions of the questionnaire will be mailed out. Five out of every six households will receive the short form, which contains questions covering only seven subjects, name, sex, age, relationship of household members, Hispanic origin, ethnicity and home ownership status. The short form is designed to be filled out in less than 10 minutes. One out of every six households will receive the long form, which covers the same subjects as the short form, plus 27 more.

These additional subjects include education, ancestry, employment and housing conditions. The long form should take less than 40 minutes to fill out. By the way, this is the first year that you can complete your census form on the Internet.

Remember, answering the census questionnaire will help Virginia Beach receive its fair share of federal and state funds for the next 10 years. Funds that will make Virginia Beach a better place to live during the next decade.

All persons living in the United States on April 1, 2000 should be counted in the Census. This includes all children and immigrants, whether legal or undocumented. A complete and accurate count is necessary to ensure fair representation and equitable distribution of revenues and services.

Since Census data is the basis for virtually all demographic information used by policy makers, educators and community leaders, undercounted communities will suffer inadequate representation at any level of government, insufficient federal funding for a variety of services and loss of enforcement of civil rights laws that prohibit discrimination. In general, an undercount will dramatically hinder government and other entities from effectively planning for an ensuring culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

If you need assistance with your census form a census assistance site is as close as your public library or community recreation center (call for a listing of information and assistance sites throughout Virginia Beach). For more information call the Virginia Beach Census office, 498-6186.

Remember — every person not counted results in a loss of federal and state funds for our city's children, elderly, disabled, unemployed or underemployed residents.

This is your future. Don't leave it blank!

Victoria Day McGee, recreation specialist for Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation contributed to this column.

Up close and personal

Bob Jones: Working for healthy babies

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Each year in the United States an estimated 150,000 babies are born with birth defects.

This is one of the richest and most technologically-advanced countries in the world, yet babies born in 23 other countries have a better chance of living to their first birthday than babies born in the U.S.

Each year in America, nearly 200,000 babies are born to mothers who receive late or no health care during pregnancy.

Bob Jones believes all this can change.

As co-chair of the Virginia Beach/Norfolk WalkAmerica 2000, the local March of Dimes' largest fundraising effort, he's urging others to walk for healthy babies.

On April 29, count on the retired Norfolk Southern executive to hit the pavement along with hundreds of others to raise \$157,000 for the cause. It's an ambitious goal — \$20,000 above last year — and a major share of the \$648,500 which March of Dimes hopes to raise across Hampton Roads.

"I think it's a good cause because there's nothing more important than taking care of our children and making sure they have a good life," Jones stressed.

And a healthy birth is the start. As the father of four, he can appreciate that. Looking for a good organization to give his time, Jones got involved with March of Dimes a little over a year ago. After hearing about the work done by the charity, he was convinced.

"I was impressed with some of the March of Dimes' successes, especially research for reducing infant mortality and birth defects."

"Having been born in the '30s, I can understand the impact it has had. At that time it was the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. I can remember my mother not letting me go swimming or to the ballgames and being restricted at home because of that fear of polio. I know the contribution March of Dimes has made." The organization funded research and field trials of the Salk vaccine against polio.

Jones, whose civic-mindedness goes back to his Navy days, believes "we all need to give back something to the community. It gets into your psyche to help people out."

Teams are forming now for April's walk, and he's hoping many will take the challenge.

Registration kicks off Saturday, April 29 at 31st Street park at 8 a.m., followed by the walk at 9 a.m. The five-mile trek will end with a picnic and band festival including Pink Fat, Clearwater, Patti Costas Band, H.M. Johnson Band, Blue Lords and Bandamint.

Costumed characters including the Old Country Bees and Miss Florida Orange will make it a fun, family-oriented day. There will also be face painting, karaoke and other activities.

Honorary walk chairs are Les Smith and Alveta Ewell from WAVY-TV. Radio personalities Jimmy Ray and Jay from Eagle 97 will conclude their March of Dimes walk from Williamsburg with the Virginia Beach participants.

This year's Virginia Beach/Norfolk Ambassador Child is Helen Rose Adams who, without research funded by the organization, might not be around today.

The child's story started as a nightmare for parents Steven and Eva Adams. A black hole, which turned out to be spina bifida, turned up on Helen's ultrasound, consuming the couple's hopes of having a second healthy child. Steven, a Navy aircraft mechanic, learned of an experimental fetal surgery at Vanderbilt University.

Only one other hospital in the country was using the procedure, in which doctors lift the uterus from the mother's body, cleave it open and close the tissue over the fetus' exposed spinal cord.

Helen was born Oct. 7, 1998 about five weeks after the surgery, but five weeks before her due date. But the little girl could feel it when her father tickled her feet. And she could curl her toes — things that wouldn't have been possible had she not had the surgery.

The child is now a healthy 17-month-old toddler, who has taken a few steps and can



sit without assistance. The March of Dimes helped fund the surgery which saved her life.

"I feel strongly about the March of Dimes and its work," said Jones. "As parents, our children are the most important part of our life. Especially for some of us, they're probably the most important contribution we'll make. We can achieve certain successes in life, but our children are the most important. Hopefully, one day every birth will be a healthy birth."

For more information on signing up a walk team or making a pledge, call 486-1001.

Name: H. Robert Jones.

What brought you to this area: The U.S. Navy; first time 1953, last time 1978-80.

Nickname: Bob.

Occupation: Retired U.S. Navy and terminal manager, Norfolk Southern Corp.

Marital Status: Married to Pat for 41 years.

Children: Robert, a CPA/stock broker; Mike, mechanical engineer; Steve, manager; and Brian, stock broker.

Favorite movies: Comedies and musicals.

Magazines I read regularly: Prevention, Kiplinger and various financial periodicals.

Favorite authors: John Grisham, Stephen King, Tom Clancy and James Webb.

Favorite night out on the town: A Virginia Stage show; dinner and dancing.

Favorite restaurants: Eurasia, Todd

Jurich's Bistro, Lynnhaven Fish House, Alexanders on the Bay and Pasta e Pani for dinner. Becketts and Kempsville Grill for breakfast.

Favorite meal: Any seafood and Chardonnay.

Best thing about myself: A good person. My word is my bond, and I am loyal and reliable.

Pets: Cat.

Hobbies: Working out, golf and jogging.

Ideal vacation: Foreign travel.

Pet peeves: Lack of punctuality.

First job: Picking cotton for 75 cents per day, one dollar-plus if you picked 100 pounds or more.

Least liked job: Picking cotton and pulling tobacco.

Favorite sports teams: University of North Carolina teams, Washington Redskins and New York Yankees.

Favorite musicians: Chet Atkins and Louis Armstrong.

How I would like to be remembered: As a compassionate and safe father.

If I received \$1 million: I'd give it to my sons.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I'd speak on the need to eliminate racism in the U.S.; need to reduce the national debt; and the need to use the interest savings to improve health care and preserve Social Security.

Guilds gathering for Francis Land fair

The guilds are gathering at the Francis Land House.

The ninth annual Gathering of the Guilds is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Francis Land House Historic Site and Gardens. This program is free.

Local guilds will demonstrate their specialty, share information, answer questions and display their work.

Participating guilds include: Tidewater Weavers Guild, The Honourable Company of Horners, Tidewater Turners, Tidewater Friends of Folk Music, Tidewater Blacksmith Guild, 54-40 African-American Quilters Guild, Seaside Smockers, Tidewater Quilters Guild, Tidewater Knitting Guild of Virginia, Land House Lacers.

American Needlepoint Guild, Tidewater Rug Braiders, Southeast Virginia Spinning Guild, Tidewater Basket Guild and Back Bay Wildfowl Guild.

The South Hampton Roads Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society will also hold its annual plant sale at the same time. The sale will be located on the front lawn of the historic house.

Perennials, shrubs and small trees will be for sale. The plants will be for seaside and woodland gardens. All proceeds will be used for area beautification and education.

The Francis Land House is located at 3131 Virginia Beach Blvd. in Virginia Beach. For more information call, 431-4000.

A string serenade

Students who participate in the Strings Program at Glenwood Elementary School are encouraged to practice daily. On any given occasion you can see them serenading staff members. One of their favorite performance places is the school clinic. At least once a week several students will play a couple of their favorite songs to the nurses or anyone who will listen. Performing, from left, are fifth graders Kemeisha Jones, Julianne Jamora and Rachel Clapp, serenading nurses Traci Cave and Betty Montazani.



ARE CALENDAR

The Association for Research and Enlightenment ARE announces its schedule of free lectures for the week of March 19-25:

■ Sunday, March 19, "Prophecies and Earth Changes" by Jim Smith.

■ Monday, March 20, "Egypt" by Grace Yulek.

■ Tuesday, March 21, "Karma and Grace" by Nancy Eubel.

■ Wednesday, March 22, "Health, Healing and Diet" by Whitney Foster.

■ Thursday, March 23, "Reincarnation" by Adella Wilson.

■ Friday, March 24, "Dreams and Dreaming" by Shirley Winston.

■ Saturday, March 25, "The Soul" by Valerie James.

All lectures are at 3:00 p.m. at the ARE Visitor Center, 6700 Atlantic Avenue. Call 428-3588, ext 7265 for more information.

SCHOOL BRIEFS

■ Windsor Oaks Elementary School will hold a Cashola night at the Burger King at 3952 Holland Road on Wednesday, March 22, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. A skating party will be held the same evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Kempville Skating Center, 5351 Lila Lane. Tickets for the skating party will be on sale at the school March 20-22 between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m.

■ The Red Mill Elementary School PTA's Variety Show, "The Greatest Show on Earth," will take place on Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Ocean Lakes High School Auditorium. There will be at least 30 acts performed by Red Mill's students. Acts will include singing, dancing, playing the piano, magic tricks and much more. Tickets will be sold the week of March 15 to 24. The cost is \$5 per adult and all children are free.

■ The first grade students of Red Mill Elementary School will perform at the March PTA meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:15 p.m. The first graders will recite a collection of silly poems and sing silly songs by Dr. Jean Feldman. It will be a great evening of fun with the audience participating at the end to the song, "Tooty Ta."

■ Former students, teachers, and administrators are cordially invited to a celebration commemorating 25 years of excellence at Independence Middle School on April 11. The celebration will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria with tours and a social hour. The program will begin at 7 p.m. For additional information contact the guidance department, 460-7501.

LEGAL NOTICES

Virginia:
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, March 28, 2000 at 6:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:
DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE
1. An Ordinance upon Application of Troy A. Titus for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-2 Community Business District and R-7.5 Residential District to Conditional B-2 Community Business District on property located 210 feet more or less south of Indian River Road, beginning at a point 573.68 feet (GPIN #1465-37-0414). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for retail, service, office and other compatible uses within commercial centers in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel is located at 5221 Indian River Road and contains 1.474 acres. **DISTRICT 1 - CENTER-**

VILLE.
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE
2. An Ordinance upon Application of Road to Emmaus for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the west side of Indian Lakes Boulevard, south of Providence Road (1466-92-1142). Said parcel is located at 1001 Indian Lakes Boulevard and contains 2.6433 acres. **DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE.**

DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.
3. An Ordinance upon Application of New Covenant Presbyterian Church for Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the east side of Kempville Road, 120 feet south of Quarry Lane (GPIN #1465-25-3375). Said parcel is located at 1552 Kempville Road and contains 4.46 acres more or less. **DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.**

DISTRICT 6 - BEACH
4. An Ordinance upon Application of Oceana Church of Christ for a Conditional Use Permit for a church expansion on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, east of N. Oceana Boulevard (GPIN #2417-16-1260; #2417-16-1370; #2417-16-1164; #2417-16-1060). Said parcel is located at 1460 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 1.4176 acres. **DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.**

STREET CLOSURE:
DISTRICT 6 - BEACH
5. Application of Oceana Development LP for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of an existing 50-foot right-of-way, 570 feet west of Bowland Parkway as shown on the plat entitled "Street Closure for Existing 50' Right-Of-Way at London Bridge Gardens" and recorded in Map Book 139, Page 14 (GPIN #1496-89-8793). Said parcel contains 20,821.6 square feet. **DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.**

AMENDMENT:
6. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia to amend the Comprehensive Plan by adoption of a Shore Drive Corridor Plan.

NONCONFORMING USE:
7. Application of Larry P. Herz for an enlargement in a nonconforming use on certain property on the south side of Delaware Avenue, east of Caribbean Avenue (GPIN #2417-50-9202, #2417-93-9254 (new)). Parcel is located at 712 Delaware Avenue and contains 7,000 square feet. **DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.**

8. Application of James M. Arnold for the enlargement of a nonconforming use on Lot 3, Block B, Chesapeake Bay Shores. Property is located at 2414 Spinnaker Court and contains 2,316.2 square feet. **DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.**

All interested parties are invited to attend.
Ruth Hodges Smith, CMC/AE City Clerk
If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
437 E. Plantation Road
Virginia Beach, VA
In execution of a Deed of Trust from Richard C. Enslay and Mary H. Enslay dated February 26, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3593, page 903, securing a loan which was originally \$94,500.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 31, 2000 at 8:04 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot Nineteen (19), in Block L, as shown on the plat of subdivision as Point O Woods, Section Two. Tax Map #2407-16-2909-0000. The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA.
NP995998
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
6108 Tradewinds Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Neal W. Pinkerman and Lynn M. Pinkerman dated April 24, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3608, page 2189, securing a loan which was originally \$89,150.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 7, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 18, Block K, "Plat of level Ground Subdivision, Site One, Part Three." Tax Map #1456-31-3069-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale. This sale is being made subject to the IRS right of redemption.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.
NP995514
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
5410 Grand Lake Crescent
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from David L. Dunbar, Sr. and Mildred M. Dunbar dated May 8, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3739, page 569, securing a loan which was originally \$43,200.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 31, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 1, Block P, "Amended Subdivision of Grand Lake, Section Two." Tax Map #1467-68-8748-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$4,200.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.
NP984231
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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TACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8614

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
925 Enfield Chase
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Connor Wayne Meeks dated October 6, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3798, page 1956, securing a loan which was originally \$350,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 31, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 30, as shown on hat certain plat entitled "Middle Plantation, Phase Six, Part 2, Lynnhaven Borough, Virginia Beach." Tax Map #1498-15-6900-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$35,000.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.
NP995841
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Draper & Goldberg, PLLC
Substitute Trustees
750 Miller Drive, Suite C1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-7101

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
5628 Summit Ark #102
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Larry L. Gregory dated February 18, 1997 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3710, page 707, securing a loan which was originally \$30,000.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on March 24, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Unit 102, M Phase 2, Building 2, Newportine Condominium. Tax Map #1467-39-7756-3590.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$2,900.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.
NP006765
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE
IN RE: Christopher Naughton, Plaintiff v.

Eileen Naughton, Defendant
CASE NO. CH-00-630
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is for a divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii on the grounds of a one year separation.

It is ORDERED that Eileen Naughton appear and protect her interest, on or before April 24, 2000, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: March 1, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE
IN RE: Jamie Ann Miller v. Amos Lloyd Miller, Plaintiff v.

Amos Lloyd Miller, Defendant
CASE NO. CH-00-218
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is for the plaintiff to obtain a divorce a vinculo matrimonii upon the grounds of being separated for more than one year.

It is ORDERED that Amos Lloyd Miller appear and protect his interest, on or before April 6, 2000, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: February 14, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1032 Emory Place
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Vickie K. Bushnell and Carla L. Bushnell dated October 23, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3279, page 334 and re-recorded in Deed Book 3579, page 0999, securing a loan which was originally \$100,800.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 7, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 7, in Block G, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Charlestown Lakes South, Section 2, Part 'G' Washington Borough, Chesapeake, Virginia, Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia." Tax Map #03810070080.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional.
NP996224
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE
IN RE: Maria L. Sabalbu, Plaintiff v.

Christopher F. Sabalbu, Defendant
CASE NO. CH98-3462
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for a divorce A Mensa Et Thoro pursuant to Section 20-91(6), of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, on the grounds of desertion and for leave to merge said decree into a decree A Vinculo Matrimonii upon the expiration of the statutory period.

It is ORDERED that Christopher F. Sabalbu appear and protect his interest, on or before May 1, 2000, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: March 9, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE
IN RE: Maria H. Walsh, Plaintiff v.

Lawrence N. Walsh, Defendant
CASE NO. CH00-737
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for the Plaintiff to be awarded a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the Defendant based on the grounds of having lived separate and apart for a period in excess of one year without cohabitation or interruption.

It is ORDERED that Lawrence N. Walsh appear and protect his interest, on or before May 1, 2000, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: March 10, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
2139 Sanctuary Ct.
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Stephen R. Giblin and Edward N. Cassidy dated June 9, 1987 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2641, page 1725, securing a loan which was originally \$69,840.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 14, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Unit 2139, in Building E, in that certain condominium entitled Great Neck Landing. Tax Map #2408-37-4523-4250.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$6,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.
NP006478
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
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Mid-Atlantic Home and Garden Show offers motivation, tips for fresh start to spring

Get rid of the winter doldrums with a visit to Tidewater Builders Association's Mid-Atlantic Home and Garden Show March 23-26 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

Now in its 15th year, the Mid-Atlantic Home and Garden Show will offer all kinds of inspiration for homeowners, from new decorating ideas and exciting remodeling projects, to easy ways to lure beautiful butterflies to your yard and tips on how to propagate your own plants.

Informative programs complement the more than 200 vendor booths, with expert advice from Lynda Lyday, host of HGTV's "The Fix." Tom Hecker, internationally-known horticulturalist and founder of the Butterfly Gardening Society, and John Elsley,

nationally-known plant and bulb selection specialist for Wayside Gardens catalog. Local gardening legend Robert Stiffler has coordinated presentations at The Robert Stiffler Green Thumb Theater, with programs from a host of local and regional gardening experts throughout the weekend.

Sponsored by Tidewater Builders Association, The Virginia-Pilot, The Home Depot, HW10 and WVEC-TV 13, the Mid-Atlantic Home and Garden Show grows every year, and this year is no exception. The garden area has been expanded to include several gardening clubs and societies which will set up displays in the exhibit area and have members on hand to discuss everything from growing herbs to trimming a bonsai tree.

Show fans also have one extra

day to take it all in. The show will open on Thursday this year and be open through the weekend. Show hours are from noon to 9 p.m., Thursday, March 23, and Friday, March 24; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, March 25; and noon to 6 p.m., Sunday, March 26. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$6 for senior citizens and active duty military (no other discounts apply); and free for children 12 and under.

This year's headliner attraction, HGTV's Lynda Lyday, is sponsored by The Home Depot. Lyday will appear on the Idea Stage at 2, 4 and 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; noon, 2, 4 and 7 p.m. Saturday; and 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Lyday has been involved with

carpentry and construction for nearly 20 years — almost as long as she's been acting and performing comedy. Growing up in Georgia, Lyday was interested in the tools around her father's shop at an early age, but it wasn't until she moved to New York to pursue an acting career that she developed the skill and passion for carpentry.

While working as a carpenter, and later as the owner of a construction company in New York City performing apartment renovations for high-profile clients, Lyday was also writing and performing her own comedy roles. In 1997, all of her talents and passions converged when she was hired as the on-camera interior finish carpenter for the Discovery Channel's "Gimme Shelter" show.

In March 1998, Lyday was hired by HGTV to host the home improvement show "The Fix," which airs locally at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday.

Local gardening guru and Virginia-Pilot columnist Robert Stiffler has coordinated the talent at The Robert Stiffler Green Thumb Theater. This year's presentations are headlined by John Elsley, director of horticulture for Wayside Gardens for almost 20 years, and Tom Hecker, curator of Magic Wings Butterfly House, a tropical conservatory at the Museum of Life and Science in Durham, N.C.

Elsley has traveled worldwide for the past 19 years selecting and procuring the plants and bulbs included in the Wayside Gardens catalog. At 7 p.m. Friday, Elsley will discuss "New Plants for the New Millennium." At 1 p.m. Saturday, he will present "A Peek at Old Favorite Trees and Shrubs."

Hecker has spent the past 15 years working in tropical horticulture from Costa Rica to Belize to the Missouri Botanical Garden, and he is the founding of the Butterfly Gardening Society. As curator of the Butterfly House, he oversees the operations of the 5,000-square-foot "Magic Wings" Butterfly Conservatory where visitors can wander among 1,000 exotic butterflies in flight. At 3 p.m. Saturday he will share tips on "Gardening for Butterflies." At 2 p.m. on Sunday, in conjunction with the official meeting of the Butterfly Society of Virginia, he will discuss "How to Attract Butterflies to Your Garden," and the Butterfly Society will display butterflies, larvae and other related attractions.

Among the other special sights and sounds at this year's event are:

■ **I Love My House!...** Bid. Tidewater Builders Association's Sales and Marketing Council sponsors this consumer seminar presented by Bill Dore of The Dragas Cos. and

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After identifying several common "problems" that cause owners to feel like making a change, Dore and Roots will offer tips for evaluating the problems, evaluating finances and for choosing from a range of solutions including doing nothing, remodeling, buying a resale home or buying a new home. Catch this presentation at the demonstration stage at 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

■ **Designer Room and Garden.** Local companies will create specially designed rooms and gardens right in the Pavilion. Creative Designs by Sondra returns to the show this year with her contemporary approach to home decor, while Office Depot will design a complete home office for the new millennium with selections from several of its five area stores. Water will be the theme for the display gardens designed by three local landscape companies.

Tom Rozier of Dreamscape Designers will use an array of flowers and scents for spring surrounding a waterfall and fish pond; Toby Davis of AED Landscaping will be designing the entrance to the garden area which will consist of a waterfall which will flow under a bridge and into a pond; and Michael Gibson of Paradise Ponds will design a garden with all of those elements plus evergreens, goldfish, koi and an exciting variety of aquatic plants.

■ **Kids' Workshop.** The show's corporate sponsor, The Home Depot, brings to the show one of its most popular features — a workshop for small visitors. At 7 p.m. on Friday; 11:30 a.m.; 2:30 and 7 p.m. on Saturday; and 1 and 3 p.m. on Sunday, kids will have the opportunity to learn about building and construction when they make their very own toolboxes using materials supplied by The Home Depot.

Modeled after the kids workshops held monthly at The Home Depot stores throughout Hampton Roads, the workshops will last approximately one hour and kids will be able to take their hand-made toolboxes home. The workshops will be located in the area adjacent to the designer rooms.

■ **The Home Depot University Decorative Painting Class.** "HD University" presents do-it-yourself decorating painting classes at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday on The Idea Stage. Modeled after one of the most popular classes offered weekly at The Home Depot stores throughout Hampton Roads, this hands-on class will show participants how to faux finish walls including rag and sponge painting. Supplies, including painting aprons, will be provided by The Home Depot.

Hurricane Expo 2000 premieres

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the city of Virginia Beach are bringing the region's first Hurricane Expo to the Virginia Beach Pavilion March 23-26 in conjunction with Tidewater Builders Association's Mid-Atlantic Home and Garden Show.

Hurricane Expo 2000 will feature nationally-recognized speakers, presentations and workshops focusing on hurricane preparedness and mitigation. Informative booths will feature products and services related to disaster preparedness for homes and businesses.

The expo kicks off Virginia Beach's designation as a Project Impact Community, a nationwide FEMA initiative to build disaster-resistant communities.

Dr. Steve Lyons, chief meteorologist with The Weather Channel, will headline Hurricane Expo 2000 with two special presentations at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday on the impact of hurricanes both locally and nationally.

Other featured speakers include Hugh Cobb, science operations officer with the National Weather Service, presenting a historical perspective of hurricanes in Hampton Roads; and Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Builders Association of South Florida during Hurricane Andrew, with tips on surviving a disaster. Builder Jack Jackson III will present a video and discussion of his acclaimed Hurricane House, which first appeared at Homearama '99.

Other highlights of Hurricane Expo 2000 will include archives from the Old Coast Guard Station depicting the region's hurricane history; a presentation from the Virginia Beach SPCA on caring for your pet during a disaster, and workshops from SITH on chain saw safety and debris management. Of special interest will be a full-scale, safe room constructed by Tidewater Polysteel from concrete and open for tours in the Pavilion parking lot. Hands-on displays at the expo will demonstrate the construction of sustainable homes to help retrofit existing homes to help sustain the impact of natural disasters prevalent in this region.

Hurricane Expo 2000 will be staged in the main theater and theater lobby of the Virginia Beach

Pavilion concurrently with the Mid-Atlantic Home and Garden Show. NewsChannel 3 Storm Team will provide live coverage of the expo, with meteorologists Deke Parker and Mike Simon introducing speakers. In addition, NewsChannel 3 will be on site

with hurricane '99 film footage and registration for Triple Doppler Now Alert, a new severe weather notification service provided by NewsChannel 3. The Hurricane Expo is co-sponsored by Project Impact, Cox Communications and The Weather Channel.

High-tech German manufacturer expands

German manufacturer IMS Morat Sohne GmbH will locate its North American corporate headquarters in the city this year. IMS has a contract to purchase an existing 29,050-square-foot building on a four-acre site at 949 Seahawk Circle in Oceana West Corporate Park.

The high-technology gear manufacturer is expected to invest up to \$8 million in personal property and machinery and tools, and create approximately 100 jobs over three years with a minimum annual salary of \$30,000 plus benefits.

IMS selected Virginia Beach as the site for its new office and manufacturing facility because of the city's proximity to the ports and the suitability of the highway system for exporting its products to the General Motors automobile manufacturing plant in Toronto.

IMS is one of the world's market leaders for gear and transmission technology and produces gears and gear boxes for use in power tools and automobiles. Its production covers lathe, hobbing, gear shaping, hardening and grinding.

Plans finalized for Teen Summit 2000

Being a teen today is a lot harder than it was back in the day. This is a time of intense personal growth and change (physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually and psychologically) for them and a time of challenge. What are we doing to prepare our teens to face challenges?

The statistics on teen drug and alcohol use, pregnancy, delinquency, school violence and even suicide are alarming. Risks are real and the solutions are not easy. We can never guarantee our children's success, but we want to know in our hearts that we have given them our best. Teen Summit 2000 will be held Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Morning Star Baptist Church.

This year's theme is "Empowering Youth for Today's Challenges."

Tim Jackson, security and safe school coordinator for Virginia Beach City Public Schools, will kickoff Teen Summit 2000 at 10 a.m.

Workshops include: "Boys to Men" presented by Brian Hawkins of Virginia Beach Department of Social Services; "Law and Order" presented by Capt. John S. Bell of the Virginia Beach Police Department; "Life Skills 101" presented by Gloria Miller-Polite of the Norfolk Community Services Board; "HIV/AIDS and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases" presented by Charity Stone of the Virginia Beach Health Department; "What Would Jesus Do (WWJD)?" presented by the Rev. Wendell Joyner, associate minister of Morning Star Baptist Church; and "Cooking with Love" presented by Carolyn T. Hayes.

Council supports 3rd crossing

By Lee Cahill
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach City Council has endorsed the alignment, of three proposals for the \$2.7 billion third Hampton Roads crossing which also has the endorsement of the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

This alternative provides a new crossing parallel to the existing I-664 Monitor/Merrimac Memorial Bridge Tunnel with a connection from the new bridge tunnel to Norfolk and Portsmouth.

On the Peninsula this alternative would begin at the I-64 interchange in Hampton and would widen I-664 to the I-64/I-264 interchange in Chesapeake. Included would be a new interchange near the south approach structure of the Monitor/Merrimac connecting to a new roadway and bridge tunnel extending from I-664 to I-564 in Norfolk which would provide access to both the Monitor/Merrimac bridge tunnel, and the new parallel bridge tunnel.

There would also be a connection along the east side of Craney Island to VA-164 (Western Freeway) in

Portsmouth.

Council Tuesday authorized City Manager James K. Spore to inform the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) of its endorsement.

Last Tuesday Chesapeake City Council passed a resolution with a similar endorsement, and the city of Suffolk is already on record as endorsing the alignment.

In a presentation before City Council at a work session Tuesday transportation engineer Dale Castellow said that since the construction would be in phases, it was in the beach's interest to have the first phase consist of the leg between I-564 and I-664 before embarking on the construction of the third span and tubes.

He said this would allow a review of Route 460 and its relation to serving as an alternative corridor connecting Hampton Roads to I-95.

According to his letter to VDOT, Spore says when combined with the I-564 to I-664 segment, Route 460 becomes a highly attractive route for traffic with origins or destinations at the port of the Norfolk

Naval Base. The route would avoid the I-64 congestion problems and provide Hampton Roads with an attractive hurricane evacuation route.

The General Assembly approved funding of a \$130 million for the first phase, an estimated one billion cost.

The 2000 General Assembly has allocated \$25 million for Route 460 improvements. The city found that the alternative more adequately meets the goals and objectives than the other alternatives considered. Spore notes that the alternative reduces the congestion at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel by more than the 10 percent threshold and has minimal impact on the community in terms of residential, commercial and community displacements.

It has fewer than 40 displacements compared to more than 125 in each of the remaining alternatives and impacts only 24 acres of wetlands, slightly higher than the other alternatives, but relatively small when the scope and location of the project is considered.



LEAP TO IT. Andre Yemelianova is featured in "Hadassah."

Joyous 'Hadassah' opens at Pavilion

Masterworks Performing Arts Company will present the world premiere of the ballet "Hadassah: Story of Esther" opening Friday, March 30 through April 2 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion.

Adapted for ballet by Amora Hummel, artistic director of Masterworks, this ballet is based on the biblical story of Esther, a young girl whose destiny is to save her people from destruction. Scheduled to coincide with Purim, the Jewish holiday honoring this heroine, the ballet features dancers from Ukraine, Belarus, South Hampton Roads and North Carolina.

"Hadassah: Story of Esther" will offer two school performances at 10 a.m. on the 30th and 31st. Evening performances will be on Friday, March 31 and April 1 and 2 at 7 p.m. There will also be a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 2.

Tickets for the school performances are \$5 for groups of 10 or more. Tickets for the evening performances are \$10 at the door, \$8 general admission, \$7 for groups of 10 or more; and \$7 for children ages 5 and under. Reservations may be placed for the school performances by calling 548-2122 and for the other performances by contacting the Virginia Beach Pavilion box office at 428-8000.

Masterworks Performing Arts Company is dedicated to providing students and professional performance opportunities in ballets and programs which convey a message of hope. Its primary goal is to help restore performing arts to honor God, and to develop the talents of young men and women to their fullest potential.

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Citizens back outdoor plan — with pocketbooks if necessary

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach citizens by a healthy majority back the city's outdoor plan and would be willing to play varying amounts to fund the program.

According to a telephone survey by Continental Research Associates, Inc., 69.4 percent of the citizens polled think Virginia Beach is headed in the right direction, 60.2 percent said outdoor recreation was very important to them and 69.2 percent would spend \$15 a year to a Parks and Open Space Fund, of which 75.1 percent of the respondents were in favor of creating.

In a progress report to City Council Tuesday, Barry Frankfield, parks planner, said that staff was surprised at citizens' responses at public meetings on the Bayfront, Bayside, Little Neck, Great Neck and Oceanfront planning areas. He said staff thought it would hear a lot of

requests for more ballfields and more soccer fields. But the citizens were interested in more open space, bike trails and pedestrian trails.

Starting with the area in the northern part of the city where undeveloped land is scarcer and more expensive, Frankfield said that 1,907.38 acres of undeveloped land was identified in small tracts, some in large with acreages from three to five acres and up.

The program will cost, but the citizens have indicated a willingness to pay, some (43.2 percent) as much as \$60 a household per year.

Councilman John A. Baum said he would like to believe that but that the state gubernatorial campaign with its no car tax slogan appeared to be the most popular in the world.

Respondents thought that more important than keeping taxes down were protecting the Back Bay and Chesapeake

Bay (86.4 percent) and protecting the environment (81.8 percent).

Nanci Glassman, a from Continental Research, found the answers very favorable.

Chris Wells, finance manager for the Trust for Public Land, joined the session to explain the non-profit agency's conservation real estate service.

The trust has been instrumental in preserving more than one million acres of land with a value of over \$1.5 billion. Wells said that the public finance services has helped in more than 60 successful campaigns, representing over \$8 billion in new funding for land conservation.

He gave in example programs in localities with some similarities to Virginia Beach.

In Mecklenburg County, N.C. (the Charlotte area), which has a population of 511,433 compared to Virginia Beach's

RESOURCE PLAN

Council is expected to consider adoption of the resource plan on May 9 at 2 p.m.

Public hearings are scheduled for April 13 at 7 p.m. at Princess Anne High School and April 25 at 6 p.m. in the council chambers.

Council workshops are scheduled for April 4 at 10 a.m., April 11 at 10 a.m. and a reconciliation workshop on May 4 at 10 a.m.

In 1990 of 393,069, with a household income at \$33,830 (compared to Virginia Beach's \$36,271), a successful general obligation bond issue was approved in 1999 for water quality and natural land

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'Ask Meyera'

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf will answer questions from Virginia Beach citizens about a host of issues and concerns during an open forum on Tuesday, April 4 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the auditorium of Landstown Middle School. The session, dubbed "Ask Meyera," will be moderated by Tony Macrini, radio talk show host of WNIS AM. Citizens will be able to pose questions to Oberndorf on education, economic development, taxes, public safety or any other issue. The only ground rules will be that no one makes speeches or distributes campaign materials, either inside or outside the auditorium. Oberndorf will also adhere to those rules.

Although citizens are encouraged to attend in person, those unable to do so can e-mail questions in advance on Meyera's personal web site, meyera.org. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Landstown Middle School is located at 2204 Recreation Road near the GTE Virginia Beach Amphitheater. For more information on the forum, citizens can consult meyera.org or call Dan Cawley of Rubin, Cawley and Associates, 456-5212.

Fire conference

The Tidewater Fire Educator's Network is hosting the Sixth Annual Fire and Life Safety Educators' Conference April 6-9. The conference will be held at the Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Hotel at 2800 Shore Dr.

The conference will offer a wide variety of training sessions covering juvenile fire setter intervention, residential fire detection and suppression technology, child safety seats, Fire Department community-based involvement, the physical and emotional process of burn recovery and life safety education techniques for senior citizens, children and the hearing impaired. Fire Department and Law Enforcement personnel, teachers and school administrators, mental health providers and juvenile court intake and probation officers are among those who could benefit greatly from this conference.

For more information or registration (\$89 full four-day registration/daily rate available), contact the Virginia Beach Fire Department Life Safety Education Office by calling Cappy Meredith, 563-1078.

Remember when...

Jog your memory by visiting the exhibit "Nostalgia...Do you remember?" at the Old Coast Guard Station, 24th Street and Atlantic Avenue. Recall the cottage line on the Oceanfront, dancing at the Cavalier Beach Club, beers at Kitchin's Kitchen, the demolition of the Avemere and more. The exhibit runs from April 4-30. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m., Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2.50 for military and senior citizens, and \$1 for young people aged 6 to 18. Museum members receive free admission.

March for Parks

First Landing State Park needs volunteers to assist in the annual March for Parks event, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The National Parks and Conservation Association sponsors this national event. Local sponsors include Placker American Corporation, Lynne Hume ReMax Central Realty and the Oceanfront Jaycees. All of the fund raised will go towards a preservation project at First Landing State Park. The next volunteer meeting is scheduled for April 1 at 10 a.m. at the First Landing visitor center.

Pet first aid

Tidewater Humane is offering pet first aid certificate course being taught by Kasha Winston of Rosebriar Dog Training, a Red Cross certified pet first aid instructor. The course consists of two three-hour sessions. The first session is April 5 from 6 to 9 p.m. The second session is April 12 also from 6 to 9 p.m. Class size is limited, so call to reserve a spot, 497-7729, ext. 10 or 14. Cost is \$15.

Boating safety

A nine-hour boating safety course is being offered by Florilla 57 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at First Colonial High School in Virginia Beach. The course is three nights running April 4, 6 and 11. Fee is \$25 for the book and \$7 registration. Contact Lu Hill, 481-6762, or Bill Jackson, 362-3777.

Hop on down

Go on a scavenger hunt for Easter eggs filled with candy and then enjoy lunch with the Easter Bunny at Owl Creek Tennis Center Saturday, April 22 at 11 a.m. This event is for youth ages 6 to 13. Prizes will be awarded. The cost is \$4 per person. For more information call Seacock Recreation Center, 437-2258.

Beach budget shows small growth, full school funding

By Lee Cahill

City Council Reporter

The proposed \$1,115,679 2000-2001 operating budget and the capital budget of \$1,431,872.855 presented by the city staff this week seemed to have something for everybody — if not everything for everybody — and at the same time not raise real estate taxes.

If budgets could convey a mood of jubilation, these did.

In his budget message, City Manager James K. Spore said this year's resource management plan, the city's name for funding plans, is an action-oriented plan. The city, he said is constructing new facilities and rebuilding and modernizing old ones, strengthening programs the citizens want — and without a tax rate increase.

The operating budget is 3.88 percent more than the current budget, the lowest increase in the last eight years. Most of this growth is going into salary growth, new programs with corresponding state and federal revenues and education.

In the five-year capital budget, he has recommended putting in \$637,597,001 into city general improvements, representing a 17.60 percent increase from the current five-year budget. Schools would have \$387,693 or 4.84 percent more and utilities, \$406,738,161 or 5.66 percent more.

Schools, which take the lion's share of the operating budget, would have 49.7 percent and 27.1 percent of the capital budget.

In the operating budget, funding for education represents the School Board's adopted budget request except for the board's request for lump sum funding. The city will continue funding by category.

And because student enrollment has been flat for the last several years, for the first time in recent years, the School Board reduced the number of instructional positions requested from 7,269.95 to 7,099.05. Administration positions also

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CHIPPING AWAY. Woodcarver Ed Morrison of the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild shares his decoy art with the Brownies of Troop 1393 during Gathering of the Guilds.

Guilds gather for glimpse into talents, trades of yesteryear

By Bob Ruegsegger

Correspondent

Visitors were offered an unusual opportunity to explore the technology of the past and learn more about the people who earned their livings through trades and skills that have long since been eclipsed by industrialization.

During the ninth annual Gathering of Guilds at the Francis Land House on Saturday, members of local guilds demonstrated their crafts, shared their individual expertise, and responded to inquiries from site visitors about their specialties and organizations.

Vicki Harvey, museum educational specialist at the Land House, initiated the first Gathering of Guilds when she first came to the Francis Land House nine years ago. Since that time, the popular event has grown steadily every year.

"It's a wonderful day for those in the arts and crafts skills to all come together and share what they do," said Harvey. "They're here specifically to share information and demonstrate what they do."

While the event was never intended to be a crafts sale, the guilds have traditionally been permitted to sell small items if the proceeds go directly to the support of the guilds.

"The guilds tell me that each time they do this they get new members and new people are interested in what they are preserving. It's just a great day, and it gets more popular every year," observed Harvey.

Organized in medieval and in early modern times, guilds were associations of self-employed members of a specialized occupation in town or district. After a guild had been established, only its

members were permitted to practice that profession within its boundaries of influence.

Under contracts, guildsmen taught apprentices the "mysteries" of their crafts. When apprentices completed their training, they became journeymen, and eventually — if the quality of their work proved them worthy — became masters of their trades. The term "masterpiece" was the designation given to the particular article that the craftsman presented to a panel of masters from his guild in order to prove his skill and be declared a master of his craft.

"Craft guilds started in England to standardize and promote the quality of goods," Harvey explained. "In this country, a guild is just a group of interested

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Disaster preparedness makes Impact

Beach signs on as one of 200 communities in federal program

By Deanne Brady

Correspondent

While Boy Scouts are taught to always be prepared, those who signed Project Impact at Virginia Beach's first Hurricane Expo last week are hoping to instill that same belief in city residents when it comes to natural disasters.

Kicking off the Pavilion event that was held in conjunction with the Tidewater Builders Association's Mid-Atlantic Home and Garden Show, about 56 business, civic and community leaders joined together for a signing ceremony to begin building a disaster-resistant community.

The initiative is part of a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) plan to encourage the entire community

to join together and take responsibility for mitigating personal and economic costs from disasters like hurricanes, tornadoes and floods.

"This is not intended to be a government program," Virginia Beach Project Impact Coordinator Tim Berkheimer explained. "This is intended to be a community program."

FEMA selected Virginia Beach as one of 200 cities to participate in the initiative and backed the city with a \$300,000 grant to use as seed money for educating the public to prepare for natural disasters.

But the program is not just about educating the public on the need for preparation, but to stir them to heed the call.

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SIGN HERE. About 56 business, civic and community leaders, who formed a partnership under Project Impact for a disaster-resistant community, watched as Mayor Meyera Oberndorf signed on to the initiative during last week's Hurricane Expo.

Commentary

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The smallest victims

■ A mother has episodes during which she is verbally and physically abusive to her children. She wants to change. Her own childhood was spent in an alcoholic, abusive environment. She desperately wants help, including alternatives to the kind of life she is now leading.

■ Two adolescent children have been emotionally and sexually abused by their stepfather. He is in jail and the children are in counseling, but the mother feels she is near the breaking point.

■ A caller asks about a friend who is a working mother and is stressed out because her 5-month-old won't sleep through the night. The friend fears that the mother will abuse the child because of stress.

These calls to a child abuse and neglect hotline indicate that in many cases, child abuse can be prevented. Abusive parents are often ordinary people caught in life situations beyond their control. They may be struggling with stress caused by illness, financial problems, alcohol or drug abuse, or immaturity. They may have little information — or misinformation — about how children grow.

It is the mission of Child Abuse Prevention Month to make the public aware of prevention efforts. Families under stress can be helped with information about child development and parenting, support from friends and relatives, and with the aid of the community at large.

Child abuse and neglect continue to be major problems in Virginia. From 1998, the last year statistics were available, 9,816 children were victims of abuse and neglect. Thirty-six children died of the abuse they received, the large majority at the hands of family members. Twenty of the cases were in Hampton Roads. Twenty-six of the children were under age 2.

Who were the perpetrators?

In a large majority of these cases, the children suffered at the hands of family members — people they loved and should have been able to trust.

The highest percentage — 37.1 — were mothers. Fathers were next at 24.8 percent. In 17.7 percent of the cases, the perpetrators were both parents.

During April, Child Abuse Prevention Month, people are asked to wear blue ribbons as a symbol of the need to be their best as a parent, child or community member.

The blue ribbon campaign has local roots. In 1989, a Chesapeake grandmother created it as a memorial to her 3-year-old grandson who died after being abused by his mother's boyfriend.

The grieving woman, Bonnie Finney, had this to say:

"One day I was just thinking about all the bruises I had seen on the grandchildren, especially on my grandson's head. I just decided I was going to tie a blue ribbon on my van. Why blue? I intend never to forget the battered, bruised bodies of my grandchildren. Blue serves as a constant reminder to me to fight for protection of our children."

Since then, the blue ribbon campaign has spread across the country as a way to promote awareness of the problem.

A slant has been created for the campaign that will promote positive action by individuals and communities. It takes advantage of the definition of the term blue ribbon as "best" or "first place."

Area residents can also support child abuse prevention by dining out April 13 during the 18th annual Celebrity Night to benefit the Hampton Roads Committee to Prevent Child Abuse. Local sports, political, entertainment and media personalities will be serving up good food and great times at several restaurants in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach.

In turn, tips and T-shirt sale proceeds will help this worthy cause. Money raised will be used to protect children by providing programming, advocacy resources and public education.

Tying on a blue ribbon and dining out are two of the easiest ways residents can make a difference in the fight against child abuse and neglect. Be sure to do both. It shouldn't hurt to be a child. — V.E.H.

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Letters to the editor

False charges must not go unanswered

Editor:

Yes, Mr. Guertin, (*Chesapeake Post*, letter to the editor, March 24) citizens must certainly do come before special interest groups. But, what makes you think the men and women who belong to Chesapeake's business community are not citizens? The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce is a non-partisan community organization open to every business in our region. Its only intent in sponsoring the annual luncheon is to provide a forum in which the mayors of all five of the cities in Hampton Roads can address all interested citizens.

Their annual luncheon is not a political fundraiser, nor does the chamber ever contribute to any political campaign or party. This widely-publicized event is open to the public and not exclusively restricted to their members. So your attempt to smear the chamber's good name by implying its only motive for sponsoring the annual luncheons is to buy political influence or special access is ludicrous to me.

And your similar innuendo against First Union is equally preposterous. First Union's corporate sponsorship merely defrays the chamber's expenses in putting on the event. The last thing any citizen should bellyache about is when one of our major corporate citizens expends funds for the community's benefit. We need more good corporate citizens, not less.

And, your criticism of Mayor Ward for presenting his State of the City Address at that forum is the most ridiculous complaint of all. In the first place, his speech was printed in full in the local papers and was aired on numerous occasions on Chesapeake's public television station, so you hardly had to attend the luncheon (of which I did not attend) in order to be fully informed of his remarks. Even more significant is that our mayor was merely following the tradition

of both his predecessors in the Chesapeake mayoral office, as well as other mayors in Hampton Roads.

Yes, citizens deserve the attention of their mayor, and that is precisely why I voted for Mayor Ward and will do so again. More than any local official in our city or state government, Bill Ward pays attention to the citizens from every sector and geographical region that comprise our fair city or state government. He will go anywhere and meet with anyone who wants their voice to be heard and their concerns addressed. The concerns of the rich and powerful have no more clout with Mayor Ward than those of our middle and low-income families. I feel it is his strong ethical character that makes him such a highly respected and excellent leader.

It is totally reasonable for any citizen to criticize a public official for selling out to special interest groups whose agenda is to acquire undue influence over our public policies. But your criticism of Mayor Ward and his delivery of the State of the City Address at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon is totally baseless and, therefore, can only be characterized as a "smear."

It is so baseless, that it is logical to conclude that your real motive for falsely impugning the character of Mayor Ward is to advance your own partisan agenda. Such negative tactics are typical of those who support candidates for public office who lack the qualifications and expertise to win that office on their own merits.

And, like many such unwarranted attacks, your mission failed miserably. I'm sure it will only encourage responsible citizens to go to the polls on May 4 and insure we keep Bill Ward at the helm of our city, especially in light of the alternatives being offered as his replacement.

Alfreda C. Gordon
Chesapeake

Thumbs up to neighborliness in traffic

Editor:

Just about everyone in the area knows that there is a problem with the traffic flow on Battlefield Boulevard (Route 168) as it heads from Great Bridge to North Carolina. The cause of the problem is routinely placed on the backs of too many tourists heading for their favorite vacation spot on the Outer Banks, the politicians who lacked enough foresight in planning ahead or the availability of funding from the government. Whatever the problem, it is here and we must live with it until the contractors complete the present undertaking of the new portion of the bypass.

All of the above said, as a resident of the southern portion of the city who must travel back and forth daily on this road, for work and pleasure, I just

wanted to express my observations as to how the public has been coping and making the best of the present inconvenience. Just to enter Battlefield from a side road can be a major undertaking, not to mention a great risk. If it were not for the courtesy of school bus and dump truck drivers, as well as others, who frequently slow down, give way and even stop, often times giving advance signals of the intention to do so by flashing their headlights, allowing others to enter Battlefield Boulevard, I think life in southern Chesapeake would come almost to a standstill.

The courtesy of these citizens has not gone unnoticed by myself, as well as many others and they should be complimented. We certainly appreciate their help.

William E. Buyn
Chesapeake

Standing up for our local leaders

For sure, the lion share of the blame for the stagnation that characterizes our cities' inadequate response to our regional problems goes to the tyranny of our state government.

In Hampton Roads, the problem is not political leaders who won't tell it like it is, but citizens who refuse to tell them. Ask anybody what matters to them most when it comes to government services and most will respond education, public safety, the environment and transportation, pretty much in that order.



Perspectives

By Eileen Huey,
columnist

My regular readers know I rarely defend politicians who promise solutions but never manage to resolve the problems. But in Hampton Roads our local political leaders from School Board members to council representatives to the mayors have little other choice.

For sure, the lion share of the blame for the stagnation that characterizes our cities' inadequate response to our regional problems goes to the tyranny of our state government. No 17th-century monarchial court had

more control over local day-to-day affairs than does Richmond. Our City Council practically need permission from the state to sneeze.

How ironic that so many Virginians spend endless hours worrying and railing against an intrusive federal government while they blindly put up with one of the most undereducated and least accountable systems of state government in the nation. Being elected governor in Virginia is closer to being elected ruler than it is an elected head-of-state.

The situation is almost as bleak with our State Senate and even the General Assembly. No oligarchy ever enjoyed a more impervious cloak of unaccountability than does our state legislature. Their tweedle-dee, tweedle-dum character make it impossible for even the most informed citizen to figure out why the same old problems are never solved, no matter who trots off to Richmond.

But the rest of the blame cannot fairly be laid at the feet of our local elected officials. Yes, they also promise each election to address the same nagging problems that never seem to get solved, but they actually try to solve them. After all, they are there where the rubber meets the road.

No, the rest of the blame more properly lies with us, Joe and Jane Citizen, who far more resemble ostriches than free-thinking, pragmatic adults when it comes to public policy. "Just tell me you're not going to raise my taxes" is the only criteria we place on local officials. That alone gets them elected in 99 percent of all local races. So, sure as rain, they all promise and, no matter what the crisis, they don't.

In fairness to ourselves, however, we have every right to be angry and

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Leaping another parenting hurdle

I may finally be getting the hang of this "mom" gig.

Hmmm, it only took me 17 months. What causes me to say this is that I successfully managed to see Mitchell through surgery Friday and didn't fall apart in the process.



Off The Cuff

By Victoria
Hecht, editor

It wasn't major surgery, but it was important enough to help cure a problem Mitchell has fought nearly since birth — chronic ear infections. After countless doses and varieties of antibiotics, warm ear compresses, bottles of pain reliever and other remedies, we consulted a spe-

cialist who advised Mitchell get tubes to help drain his ears.

At last! We were thrilled that our son wouldn't have to endure more painful, sleepless nights and lack of appetite from his infections.

We marked the date on the calendar and prayed for it to hurry up and arrive.

I admit that I was nervous. Though ear tubes aren't major surgery, they are surgery nonetheless that would require Mitchell to be checked into Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters and put under anesthesia.

I could picture him in one of those little hospital gowns with a mask over his face. It made me want to cry.

"But it's for the best, Vicky," my husband Evan assured. "Mitchell will feel so much better after this."

I knew he was right. The doctor advised us that if we didn't have the problem corrected, Mitchell's hearing and speech could be affected. But my baby in the hospital? It was a scary thought.

We followed the doctor's instructions to the letter. No food or drinks

after midnight. Favorite stuffed animal, blanket and cup packed. Two-piece outfit for him to wear.

We had to be at the hospital at 6 a.m., which meant I'd get up at 4:30 a.m. to get the crew ready. But I never really went to sleep that night. When 4:30 rolled around I was staring at the clock.

We arrived at check-in bright and early, with only two families ahead of us. Mitchell, not knowing surgery was eminent, was in heaven with all the new and fascinating toys in the waiting room.

Eventually, our name was called, proper insurance papers filled out and hospital wristband attached. Mitchell got a dose of pain reliever and a quick physical. Then we were sent back to the waiting room.

A short time later the doctor and anesthesiologist explained the procedure to us. In a few more minutes, a nurse came to take Mitchell off to surgery.

My heart tugged just a bit as we

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Helping hand counts when chips are down

I'm sure that many of my readers are aware that I retired from the Norfolk Naval Shipyard Supply Department with 32 years service, except



The Real World

By B.J. Sessions,
senior columnist

for the three years I spent in the U.S. Marines during World War II. I'm not boasting about that service in the shipyard, because the last three years were a living hell.

I was one of the unfortunate ones who worked there who contacted asbestosis, a permanent lung disease caused by exposure to asbestos dust. At the time I did not know anything about asbestosis until I had an X-ray of my lungs at the shipyard dispensary. The medical doctor at the dispensary tried to make me feel that it wasn't anything serious — except that I couldn't work in the industrial area of the shipyard because of gas fumes, dust etc. I told him that the whole shipyard, both inside and outside the industrial area, generated gas fumes, dust etc. and that only a chain link fence separated the two areas.

I expressed my concern about this, but the medical officer said I had nothing to worry about. Not being one to take a dispensary medical officer's word, I went to the Medical College of Virginia to see Dr. Edward Ray, a specialist in pulmonary disease. He advised me that I had a lot to worry about because asbestosis could lead to one of the fastest-growing cancers called mesothelioma. It causes the victim to die a horrible death. Dr. Ray suggested I leave the present environment that I was working in.

Armed with the report of one of the most renowned doctors in pulmonary medicine and expert in asbestosis cases, I returned with this report and gave it to the dispensary medical officer and advised him that I wanted to apply for worker's compensation. He still seemed to want to make me believe that I had nothing to worry about — and even hinted that I might have an anxiety problem, which made me mad as hell.

I told him that I would show him whether I had an anxiety problem or not. I contacted Dr. Donald Mingione, a Portsmouth psychiatrist, and told him my problem. On my first visit I noticed this nice lady who was the office manager. During my other visits she would encourage me and take the time to help get my papers filled out for the shipyard and the Office of Workers Compensation.

I was at the lowest ebb of my life during this time, and that wonderful lady whose name is Toni Potts helped get me through that trying time. Dr. Mingione told the shipyard that I had

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Help protect waterways by being Earth-friendly

To protect natural resources, sensitive lands and water supplies, the cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, in partnership with the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and the Virginia Coastal Program, developed the Southern Watershed Area Management Program (SWAMP).



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyer Oberdorf

A watershed is an area of the land that drains to a particular body of water. We all live in watershed areas and almost everything we do — from transportation to land use and lawn care to recreation — affects water quality and other natural resources in our watershed areas.

SWAMP's purpose is the development of a collaborative management effort for the Southern Watershed Area. This area encompasses the watersheds of Back Bay, Northwest River and the North Landing River. This area encompasses the watersheds of Back Bay, Northwest River and the North Landing River. The intent is to balance protection of the Southern Watershed's critical environmental resources with economic development opportunities.

Today, with the many environmental, economic and regulatory interests in the Southern Watershed, a partnership is more important than ever. SWAMP is dedicated to strengthening the cooperative approach to protect and to enhance the natural resources and water supplies of the Southern Watershed.

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The cities and counties of Hampton Roads want to remind you that your actions can have a big impact on our local waterways. With 1.6 million people in Hampton Roads, if we all make even a small effort to do one thing to improve water quality, it will make a big difference. Remember, clean waterways begin with you:

■ **Don't drip and drive.** Proper auto maintenance can have a big impact. When it rains, leaking automotive fluids are washed down the storm drains that flow straight into area streams, rivers and bays. With 1,160,165 registered vehicles in Hampton Roads, that's a lot of potential sources for pollution. So, whether you do it yourself or hire someone, keep your car well maintained and dispose of automotive fluids properly.

■ **Keep your flotsam and jetsam to yourself.** Stow trash carefully to prevent it from going overboard. Plastics such as fishing line and six-pack rings are especially harmful to aquatic animals and coastal birds.

■ **Keep your leaves out of the gutter.** Discarding leaves and other yard debris down storm drains can have a big impact. Leaves and yard debris clog the drains, causing the street to flood. Debris that is washed down the drain flows straight into area streams, rivers and bays, adding excessive nutrients and impairing water quality.

■ **We like the least toxic alterna-**

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tive. Household cleansers, improperly used or discarded, can have a big impact on our local waterways. You can protect them by reducing your dependence on these potentially hazardous substances and disposing of them properly.

■ **Be a pooper scooper.** Regardless of whether you walk Fido or Fido walks you, clean up after your pet. When it rains, pet waste and other debris is washed down the storm drains that flow straight into area streams, rivers and bays, harming fish and aquatic life.

■ **Less is more.** Less really is more when it comes to garden chemicals. With 305,544 homeowners in the region, if everyone reduced their use of fertilizers and pesticides just a little, it would make a big difference to area waterways.

■ **Boat paint pollution, a threat to marine life.** The World Wildlife Fund is now urging maritime authorities worldwide to support a ban on tributyltin, a toxic chemical used in ships' paints. There is evidence, the group says, that this chemical is having a devastating effect on marine life around the world.

Among those animals affected are sea otters, dolphins, whales, sealions and fish on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. The chemical is poisoning and killing these animals by contaminating the waters they inhabit.

Tributyltin is used in paints applied to the hulls of ships to prevent animals (like barnacles) from sticking to them. The WWF is calling for a ban on the use of the chemical in these types of paints by the year 2001. Studies done in Germany with the support of the WWF have shown that paints that do not use this chemical are just as effective in keeping the hulls clear of marine life.

■ **Watershed facts**

■ There are over 40 rare or endangered species in the watershed.

■ Urbanization has reduced the wetlands from 600 square miles to only 20 square miles.

■ The North Landing River is home to the largest Blue Heron Rookery in Virginia.

■ The Southern Watershed Area contains some of the last stands of Atlantic White Cedar, once prized for use as ship masts.

■ In 1996, Nature Conservancy scientists discovered a virgin forest in the watershed, never before recorded in botanical annals, containing cypress and black gum trees that may be as old as 800 years.

■ **Clean living...Grandma knew best**

Turns out that grandma was doing more to protect our rivers, lakes and bays than we do. And all she was trying to do was clean the house. Her time-honored cleaning recipes relied on products far less harmful to people and the environment than those hazardous household cleansers we buy from grocery store shelves today.

Information largely taken from the city of Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation Department's *Naturally Speaking* magazine.



Arguably the best

The debate squad at the State University of West Georgia continues to march victoriously through the 1999-2000 season. Elisabeth Goodwin of Virginia Beach, second from right, places second at the Novice Nationals at Northwestern University. Dr. Thomas J. Haynes, left, university acting president, congratulates co-debater Rashad Evans and coach Mike Hester on the achievement.

Up close and personal

Kevin Clary: Keeping VWC alumni connected

By Victoria Hecht

Editor

Kevin Clary loved his alma mater so much that 16 years after graduation he still thinks of the campus as his second home. And he hopes more people do as well.

Clary has been director of alumni relations at Virginia Wesleyan College (VWC) since 1995. Prior to that he worked admissions at Chowan College, and before that he went right from graduation into an admissions post at VWC.

An active political science major at Wesleyan, Clary was mulling plans to attend law school when he got a call from the college's admissions office shortly after his 1984 graduation. The director felt Clary would be perfect as a recruiter.

He took the job, and a year later law school was still on hold. That year stretched into another and then another as Clary enjoyed the job. Later, he got a call from friends at Chowan College, which was filling an admissions post, and he hoofed it to North Carolina.

Clary returned to his roots in 1995, assuming the alumni relations directorship. He felt right at home.

"The alumni director does a lot in the way of programming," he explained. "You started a relationship with these people when they were students. Just because you've left the college doesn't mean you're not affiliated with it anymore. It's your alma mater — the place you spent four years and had great times. Part of my job is keeping people connected."

Founded 30 years ago, today 5,000 people have graduated from the campus. Enrollment is currently more than 1,400 and continues to grow.

"We've done a lot in the last 10 years," said Clary, who touts the college's successes at homecomings, reunions and alumni chapter meetings.

A new administration building opened this academic year, for example, and the old gym is being expanded. Clary likes to think that it's not old memories being demolished, but new memories being made.

At reunions, like the upcoming one during OpSail 2000 in June, alumni are invited to relive the collegiate experience by eating in the cafeteria, taking part in college activities and, yes, even sleeping in the dorms. They won't just see the "same old things."

"People are proud to be Americans — that's how I feel about Virginia Wesleyan," he smiled. "It's a sense of pride, especially being a small school. If you're a local person, look at how we've grown. I've only been out of school 15 years, but there are two new dorms, for example. Growth is staying apace."

Clary is equally proud of VWC's alumni, who are making names for themselves in many aspects. Within a few days' time, he offered, one alumni coached an Elite II team during March Madness. Another coached the Graydon High School basketball team to the Group AAA boys state title. And a junior — not yet a senior — signed a contract with the New York Yankees.

"Our alumni are not the people who run the world," Clary said, "but they're the people who make the world run."

A resident of Newport News, Clary doesn't mind the daily trek across the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel.

"Twenty-eight miles, two stoplights and a long stretch of road and I'm here," he grinned.

Clary is a 1979 graduate of Homer L. Ferguson High School and is working on a master's degree in higher education at the College of William and Mary.

He attends Trinity United Methodist Church in Newport News, where he is administrative board chairman and serves the Board of Trustees and Chancel Choir.

Clary is a member of the Peninsula District United Methodist Church Council on Ministries and is second vice chairman of the Newport News Republican City Committee. He is on the VWC Alumni Association, Homeless Ministry, Shalom (an afterschool program) and Sigma Nu fraternity. He is president of VIP Investment.

Name: Kevin L. Clary.

Hometown: I was born in Newport News.

What brought you to this area: The stork brought me to this area in 1961, and I have stayed in the region most of my life. I lived and worked in North Carolina for six years.

Age: Born on Nov. 21, 1961, I am 38 years young.

Nickname: KC. It actually predated KC and the Sunshine Band. A few special people call me Kev, but they're pretty close.

Occupation: A pleasure to serve as the Director of Alumni Relations for my alma mater.



Kevin Clary

Virginia Wesleyan College.

Marital Status: Single and, yes, available.

Children: There are no children except for a lot of students and graduates of Wesleyan.

Favorite movies: I enjoyed "Titanic" for a number of reasons. Obviously, it's a good choice with 11 Academy Awards. I always enjoy watching politically-oriented and comedic movies. I really love the movies.

Magazines I read regularly: U.S. News and World Report, Kiplinger's Financial, Guidepost, Sports Illustrated, Entertainment Weekly and Southern Living.

Favorite night out on the town: Autobiographies and books of non-fiction are my big love. However, a good John Grisham is hard to pass up.

Favorite restaurants: The Old Ebbitt Grill and Morton's, both in Washington, D.C.

Favorite meal and beverage: I love my seafood! My beverage is probably a tie between a tall, cold glass of milk (definitely chocolate) and a pitcher of iced tea.

What most people don't know about me: I really don't know, but if they find out I hope they tell me.

Best thing about myself: I'm really a pretty genuine and sincere guy. What you see is

what you get.

Worst habit: Not knowing when to leave work. I guess my marital status might have a little something to do with the situation.

Pets: None at present. As a kid I had four chickens — it was a sixth-grade science project that had lasting effects.

Hobbies: My church, politics, reading, traveling and collecting lighthouses.

Ideal vacation: Any beach on the ocean where I can relax, listen to the waves and hear myself think.

Pet peeves: It really turns me off when people try to be something that they're not. Sometimes it's sad. Sometimes it's actually funny.

First job: My first paycheck came at age 12 when I worked as the "landscape architect" (that's technical for cutting grass, picking weeds and raking leaves) for Forrest Coile and Assoc. in Newport News.

Least liked job: That hasn't happened to me at this point. Each of my jobs has taught me many lessons. I have enjoyed all of them.

Favorite sports teams: Washington Redskins, New York Yankees and any Wesleyan team (that's 14 total).

Favorite musicians: Jimmy Buffett (I need tickets for June 20!), Kenny G, Dave Matthews Band and Aaron Copland.

Most embarrassing moment: I don't really have any because I can always laugh at myself before anyone else. It's great for diffusing the moment.

How I would like to be remembered: As a guy of strong faith and great compassion for those around me and less fortunate than me.

If I received \$1 million: Two things: I would satisfy all the world around me and replace my 1984 Toyota (with 288,000 miles) and invest the rest. I would use the interest to support my church, my family and friends, and my Virginia Wesleyan.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would probably run for president. With 10 minutes I might be able to convey enough thoughts on committed values and bring a great nation that I could generate the funding to do a lot more TV.

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Leaping

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kissed his little head and told him how much we loved him. As he was carried away, he called for us. My heart pulled some more.

We went to the recovery room to wait for our little boy.

I had hoped that during his surgery I could hold Mitchell's hand, but parents aren't allowed in the operating room.

Some time later, the doctor came out and told us Mitch had done well — though he did protest when the mask was put on his face for the anesthesia. I chuckled inward, knowing how much Mitch hates having people mess with his face.

We then got to see our little boy, who was still asleep from the anesthesia. Evan and I looked at this tiny person laying on the hospital bed, then we looked at each other. Our hearts swelled with love.

Then Mitch awoke, groggy and well...upset. No amount of love, cooing or cuddling would help. He cried in the hospital, on the way home and at home, until he eventually fell asleep.

When he woke from his nap, Mitch was like a whole new child. He was happy and more talkative than ever. And boy did he eat lunch — a whole plate of chicken, rice, green beans and Jello.

Over the next couple of days we could see the effects of the surgery in his demeanor, but overall it has been good.

I think Evan and I feel we crossed a new hurdle and survived. We saw our little boy through surgery and didn't fall to pieces ourselves!

By the way, I can't say enough good things about CHKD, where the doctors and nurses are just plain wonderful. It was a good experience. So "viva" parenthood — I think we're going to make it.

DAR to plant GW Holly in honor of Arbor Day

In celebration of Arbor Day, the Adam Thoroughgood Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution will plant a direct offspring of "parent" historic tree at Lynnhaven House on April 20. The tree which the chapter will plant was grown from a seed hand-picked from a Mount Vernon holly.

This American Holly is made available through American Forests' Famous and Historic Trees program.

Members are asked to meet at 10 a.m. for the business meeting and a tour of the Lynnhaven House. They are also asked to bring a sandwich; drinks and dessert will be furnished.

Helping hand

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every cause to worry and should be allowed to go on worker's compensation. I was finally released by the shipyard and put on workers compensation.

And I have very few left like Toni Potts, and I will be forever grateful for her. Her daughter, Donna Brown, and son-in-law, John Brown, a prominent Chesapeake lawyer, are very fortunate to have Toni with her wonderful personality and willingness to help those who need it.

Many years have passed since all of the above happened. A majority of those workers who were diagnosed with asbestosis and mesothelioma have long been gone. I must confess that I am still bitter at the way the Norfolk Naval Shipyard treated the victims.

I have been one of the lucky ones. Welcome to the real world.

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'IN THE FLESH.' Written and directed by James Frizzell, Sandra Holcombe and Steven Broyles star in the Regent University production.

Sexual addiction explored in upcoming Regent productions

In a new, provocative piece of dramatic work, The Regent University Theatre will be offering its production of "In the Flesh" coupled with the new, one-act play by Harold Pinter, "Ashes to Ashes" March 30 through April 9.

"In the Flesh" tackles the almost unspeakable compulsion of sexual addiction. Written by local playwright James Frizzell, these addictions of the flesh attack an Episcopal priest, who, in his search for redemption, chooses to reach out to someone with problems just like him. In his quest to "save" himself by saving others, he plunges deeper into his own sin.

This original work by Frizzell will push audiences' thinking on addictions of the world. It is recommended for mature audiences only.

Coupled with "In the Flesh" is

"Ashes to Ashes," the new one-act play by acclaimed Broadway playwright Harold Pinter. Directed by Dr. Gillette Elvgren, "Ashes to Ashes" explores how the atrocities of the Holocaust haunt our modern consciences. An internationally acclaimed director, Dr. Gillette Elvgren has been honored locally with the Port Folio Award for Best Director on numerous occasions.

This production will be held in the 'new, experimental theatre space of The Regent University Theatre known as "The Attic Theatre." Performances will be held March 30 through April 2 and April 6 through April 9 at 8 p.m. Discussion with the playwright, James Frizzell, and the director, Dr. Gillette Elvgren, will occur immediately following the Thursday evening productions, March 30 and April 6.

Tickets are \$7 for general ad-

mission and \$5 for senior citizens over 60, children, and students. Group rates are available. To make reservations call, 226-4245.

The Regent University Theatre is a graduate theatrical program dedicated to bringing the highest quality of theatrical entertainment to the Hampton Roads community. Our students come from professional backgrounds, seeking their master's degree in the theatrical emphasis of the communication program. The Regent University Theatre has been the proud recipient of the local Port Folio awards for Best Play, Best Director, Best Actor and Actress, and many others. On a national level, the Regent University Theatre has received acclaim from Canada to California, with its faculty and staff having been the recipients of many national awards.

Standing up for local leaders

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even suspicious about taxes—not because any one tax is so high but because our tax system is so unfair. Unlike most states, Virginia taxes flat hardest on the low and middle incomes, often hidden as "fees," and levied on all necessities and practically every breath we take.

But caught in the impossible middle of our demand for better schools, road and services and the state sitting on the lion's share of our tax revenues, are the over-burdened city governments, especially our mayors and members of the City Council and School Boards.

What can we do about this unsatisfactory kettle of fish? Well, for starters, we can stop blaming our hard-working local leaders and hold the governor and our state legislators

more responsible for the never-ending inadequate response to our genuine public needs.

Personally, I judge the quality of my local officials by whether they talk straight when I ask them one-to-one, not from what they say on the stump. Normally, I would blame the politician for not telling leveling with the voters in the campaign, but I live in Hampton Roads and know voters don't want to hear the unvarnished truth.

Only the Santa Claus message gets any one elected in our region — some magical force, other than we the people, is going to descend like manna from heaven and solve all our problems.

Responsible government is about making choices, setting priorities and incurring equitable burden-sharing for the benefit of the public good. If I had

one wish, it would be to until our city council and mayor's hands by divolution of far more authority and tax revenues from the state to the local level.

And, even on the local level, I would hope that officials who fail to recognize that our tax taxation system is unfair, inefficient and downright stupid would lose their seats. Any official willing to defend the status quo either has his or her head in the sand or seeks public office for some agenda other than the public interest.

Let those who are clueless as to the reforms and policy changes needed to address our problems on a long-range basis go back to the private sector where they can no longer harm the future of our children and our region.

Stargate 2000 set for Saturday

Bored with the new millennium? Wondering what happened to all that talk about a "new world order," vast planetary and cosmic changes — a radical shift in consciousness? — If you're feeling like the new millennium is a non-event now that Y2K has passed, according to researcher and best-selling author Adrian Gilbert, author of "Signs in the Sky," the real fun is just about to begin.

Gilbert will be in Virginia Beach April 1 with noted psychic Elizabeth Joyce ("Unsolved Mysteries," "America's Talking") for Stargate 2000, a one-day seminar devoted to a rare celestial event believed to usher in the true "New Age" of Aquarius.

Stargate 2000 will take place April 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Association for Research and Enlightenment (ARE). Fee for the day is \$69 for ARE members and

\$75 for non-members. Stargate 2000 will explore the meaning of an astrological phenomenon that occurs every 13,000 years — one which astrologers believe may be the fulfillment of ancient prophecies.

Gilbert and Joyce have combined biblical, hermetic, Egyptian and astrological research into a comprehensive and enlightening presentation based on Gilbert's new book, "Signs of the Sky."

Gilbert is the author of several books focusing on ancient mysteries, including "The Mayan Prophecies," "magi" and "The Holy Kingdom." He was also a consultant on the BBC/A&E network documentary, "The Great Pyramid: Gateway to the Stars." Joyce is one of America's leading psychics. An April, 1999 episode of "Unsolved Mysteries" was devoted to her unusual abilities and work with the

FBI and several law enforcement agencies.

According to Gilbert, beginning May 5 and culminating on June 21 (the summer solstice), the constellation of Orion will arrive at its northernmost point, halfway through its 26,000 year journey around the sun. At the same time, the summer-solstice sun will move into the hand of Orion, and the belt of Orion will rise over the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, bringing the first seven planets into alignment with the sun. Gilbert and other astrologers believe that this unusual alignment will result in a major shift of energies on the planet, bringing on the dawn of the "new age" by opening the gates of heaven or "Stargates."

For more information on the conference call 1-800-333-4499, or visit the ARE website at www.edgarjaysce.org.

Zonta club sets April dinner

Zonta International, a network of professional businesswomen committed to the legal, political, social and economic advancement of all women, will hold its April dinner meeting April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Executive Center on Newtown Road. The topic will be domestic violence. There will be a speaker from Samaritan House and a video. Cost is \$20. Call Elizabeth O'Leary, 460-2471, to reserve a seat. For more information about Zonta International call June Lee Nix, 420-3479, or Charity Perry, 627-6112.

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Myrna C. Prodigalidad and Mirasol T. Copon dated September 10, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3949, page 1129, securing a loan which was originally \$89,341.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 7, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 22, in block G, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Rosemont Forest, Section 9, Part I, Kempville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #14659253880000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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TACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM

Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

Virginia:
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, April 11, 2000 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:
DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

1. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-1 Neighborhood Business District, O-1 Office District and AG-1 Agricultural District to O-2 Office District on certain property located 1050 feet more or less northwest of the intersection of North Landing Road and West Neck Road (GPN #1494-61-6856; #1494-51-6777). The proposed zoning classification change to O-2 is for office and related land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for government facilities consistent with the recommendation of the Princess Anne Corridor Concept Plan and other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 13.11 acres, more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
DISTRICT 2 - KEMPSVILLE
2. An Ordinance upon Application of Crown Communications for a Conditional Use Permit for an extension to an existing 150-foot monopole tower on the west side of Princess Anne Road at the intersection with Baxter Road (GPN

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#1466-97-8336). Said parcel is located at 4901 Princess Anne Road and contains 13.176 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPVILLE.

DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Sprint PCS for a Conditional Use Permit for a communications facility (flag pole) at the northeast intersection of Diamond Springs Road and Northampton Boulevard (GPIN #1469-11-6333). Said parcel is located at 1300 Diamond Springs Road and contains 1,742 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Hale Boatel, Inc., a Shore Drive Marine for a Conditional Use Permit for boat sales and small engine repair at the northeast corner of Shore Drive and Roanoke Avenue on Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 26, Section B, Ocean Park (GPIN #1489-39-9001). Said parcel contains 26,189 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Bruce Mirman for a Conditional Use Permit for recreational and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature on Lots 7 through 22, Block B, Plat of Sharmock (GPIN #2427-16-8417; #2427-16-9571). Parcel is located on the north side of 15th Street extending between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Avenue and contains 40,000 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE: DISTRICT 6 - BEACH

6. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Albert W. Jensen. Property is located at the northeast corner of Belts Road and N. Birdneck Road. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Ruth Hodges Smith, MMC, City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only at 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
5591 New Colony Dr.
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Susan V. Hufon dated December 19, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3569, page 1492, securing a loan which was originally \$61,247.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 21, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 6, in Block A, a plat entitled "Jamestown at Whitehurst Landing, Section One". Tax Map #1466-03-4902-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A brief-

ing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION: FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE. AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWS-PAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Brenda Cuffee and Albert Rowsey. Property is located on the north side of Albermar Drive on Lots 43A and 44A (GPIN #1487-88-0701; #1487-88-1707). DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

2. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Jerald L. Miller. Property is located at 1242 N. Inlynnview Road (GPIN #1498-46-5206). DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

3. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Herbert B. Davis, II. Property is located on the west side of Salem Road, 947.74 feet south of Meadow Ridge Lane (GPIN #1484-05-1303). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Richard S. Harris for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-5D Residential Duplex District to Conditional I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located on the west side of Holland Road beginning at a point 164 feet more or less north of Dam Neck Road (GPIN #1495-15-131). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for business parks, offices, industrial and employment uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1,084 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Ms. Mabel Parsons for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-12 Apartment District to R-5D Residential Duplex District on the north side of 16th Street, west of Parks Avenue (GPIN #2417-86-8104). The proposed zoning classification to R-5D Community Use District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Norfolk Avenue and Cypress Avenue (GPIN #2417-94-4482). The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/medium and high densities that are compatible with single family. Said parcel is located at 805 16th Street and contains 7,000 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

6. An Ordinance upon Application of Oceana Development LP for a Conditional Use Permit for a bulk storage yard on certain property located on the north side of Central Drive beginning at a point 1000 feet more or less west of London Bridge Road (GPIN #1496-89-1420). Said parcel contains 3.465 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Centura Bank for a Conditional Use Permit for a drive-through facility of financial institutions at the southwest corner of Pacific Avenue and Laskin Road (GPIN #2428-01-2948). Said parcel is located at 3002 Pacific Avenue and contains 13,939 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

8. An Ordinance upon Applica-

tion of Charles G. Barker for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales (expansion) on the south side of Laskin Road, east of Maxey Drive (GPIN #2407-47-8648). Said parcel is located at 1913 Laskin Road and contains 1.23 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Spirit Rent A Car, Inc. DBA Carterms USA for a Conditional Use Permit for a motor vehicle rental operation on the east side of S. Independence Boulevard, north of Bonney Road Relocated (GPIN #1477-43-7489). Said parcel is located at 116 S. Independence Boulevard, Suite #104, and contains 4.35 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Wawa, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation, for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile services (fuel sales) in conjunction with a convenience store on certain property located at the southwest corner of Rosemont Road and Sentara Way (GPIN Parts of #1487-61-3955; #1487-61-4854; #1487-61-3786). Said parcel contains 1.88 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

STREET CLOSURE:

11. Application of Charles G. Barker, Jr., and Susan L. Barker for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Southern Boulevard beginning at the eastern boundary of Kentucky Avenue and running in an easterly direction a distance of 725.86 feet. Said parcel is 50 feet in width and contains 36,293 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

12. Application of Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Cardinal Road beginning at the northern boundary of Starling Court and running northwesterly to its terminus. Said parcel is variable in width and contains 1.78 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

AMENDMENT:

13. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to amend Section 401 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to agriculturally-related recreational and amusement activities in the AG-1 & AG-2 Agricultural Districts.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

14. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Frank T. Williams Farms. Property is located on the east side of Princess Anne Road, 300 feet more or less south of Old Pungue Ferry Road (GPIN #2309-73-5629; #2309-93-1026; #2309-93-7637; #2319-22-3454; #2319-04-2543; #2309-85-9370; #2309-95-5853; #2319-16-9062; Part of #2319-17-9201). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

15. An Ordinance upon Application of Frank T. Williams Farms for a Conditional Use Permit for an Alternative Residential Development on certain property located on the east side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 500 feet more or less south of Old Pungue Ferry Road (GPIN #2309-73-5629; #2309-93-1026; #2309-93-7637; #2319-22-3454; #2319-04-2543; #2309-85-9370; #2309-95-5853; #2319-16-9062; Part of #2319-17-9201). Said parcel contains 455 acres more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

16. An Ordinance upon Application of James Harrell for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to B-2 Community Use District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Norfolk Avenue and Cypress Avenue (GPIN #2417-94-4482). The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/medium and high densities that are compatible with single family uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.73 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:

17. An Ordinance upon Application of James Harrell for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile services (fuel sales) on certain property located at the northwest corner of Norfolk Avenue and Cypress Avenue (GPIN #2417-94-4482). Said parcel contains 1.73 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 2/12/00.

18. An Ordinance upon Application of Hampton Road Fundraising Foundation, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an indoor recreational facility (multi-sport, meeting and bingo hall) on the east side of S. Military Highway, north of Providence Road (GPIN #1456-13-3354; part of #1456-23-4515).

Said parcel is located at 964 S. Military Highway and contains 6.075 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 3/8/00:

19. An Ordinance upon Application of M.M. Gunter & Son, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for the expansion of an existing borrow pit 500 feet more or less east of Bernadotte Street beginning at a point 1100 feet more or less south of Seaboard Road. Said parcel is located at 2737 Seaboard Road and contains 15 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

20. An Ordinance upon Application of Pastor Jose Flores for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, west of Davis Street (GPIN #1467-38-9209 & #1467-48-0402). Said parcel is located at 5516 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 1.4 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPVILLE.

21. An Ordinance upon Application of Newlight Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church and family life center on property located on the east side of Church Street, south of Indian River Road (GPIN #1465-09-6213; #1465-09-5155; #1465-09-2292). Said parcel is located at 1244 Church Street and contains 2.25 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

22. Application of Friends School of Virginia Beach for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Donna Boulevard beginning at a point 350 feet more or less south of Laskin Road and extending around a curve in a southwesterly direction to the eastern terminus of Donna Boulevard (GPIN #2407-98-6099). Said parcel contains 14,612 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNHAVEN.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Robert J. Scott
Planning Director

Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

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The Planning Commission Agenda is available on the City's "Internet Home Page" on the Thursday prior to each regularly-scheduled meeting at www.virginia-beach.va.us/cityhall/dept/Boards/pc/agendas.htm

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: Maria L. Sahaluro, Plaintiff v.

Christopher F. Sahaluro, Defendant

CASE NO. CH98-3462

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for a divorce. The Plaintiff pursuant to Section 20-91(6), Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, on the grounds of desertion and for leave to merge said decree into a decree A Vinculo Matrimonii upon the expiration of the statutory period.

It is ORDERED that Christopher F. Sahaluro appear and protect his interest, on or before May 4, 2000, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: March 13, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
313 Falling Lane
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Robert G. Svigard dated April 17, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3607, page 1283, securing a loan which was originally \$58,600.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 7, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 6, Block S, Subdivision of the Woods at London Bridge, Section "3". Tax Map #1497-77-9726-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,700.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: Maria H. Walsh, Plaintiff v.

Lawrence N. Walsh, Defendant

CASE NO. CH00-737

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for the Plaintiff to be awarded a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the Defendant based on the grounds of having lived separate and apart for a period in excess of one year without cohabitation or interruption. It is ORDERED that Lawrence N. Walsh appear and protect his interest, on or before May 1, 2000, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: March 10, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: Maria L. Sahaluro, Plaintiff v.

Christopher F. Sahaluro, Defendant

CASE NO. CH98-3462

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for a divorce. The Plaintiff pursuant to Section 20-91(6), Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, on the grounds of desertion and for leave to merge said decree into a decree A Vinculo Matrimonii upon the expiration of the statutory period.

It is ORDERED that Christopher F. Sahaluro appear and protect his interest, on or before May 1, 2000, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: March 9, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
2139 Sanctuary Ct.
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Stephen R. Giblin and Edward N. Cassidy dated June 9, 1987 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 2641, page 1725, securing a loan which was originally \$69,840.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 14, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Unit 2139, in Building E, in that certain condominium entitled Great Neck Landing. Tax Map #2408-37-4523-4250.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$6,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

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Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE

IN RE: Christopher Naughton, Plaintiff v.

Eileen Naughton, Defendant

CASE NO. CH-00-630

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for a divorce A Vinculo Matrimonii on the grounds of a one year separation. It is ORDERED that Eileen Naughton appear and protect her interest, on or before April 24, 2000, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: March 1, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

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Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
6108 Tradewinds Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Neal W. Pinkerman and Lynn M. Pinkerman dated April 24, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3608, page 2189, securing a loan which was originally \$89,150.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 7, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 18, Block K, "Plat of level Green Subdivision, Site One, Part Three". Tax Map #1456-31-3069-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale. This sale is being made subject to the IRS right of redemption.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

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DRIVERS



'Rescue in the Night' performance planned

Deborah Carr, director of music for Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, takes time out with performing arts youths during dress rehearsal. The sixth through graders will perform "Rescue in the Night," a take-off on "Daniel in the Lions' Den," during the worship service Sunday at the church, 19th and Pacific Avenue.

Beach joins Project Impact

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Already residents have been instructed to have a three-day supply of water, food and other essentials on hand in case of an emergency. However, Berkheimer noted most people don't take the necessary precautions.

"History has shown us that people impacted are simply not prepared," Berkheimer explained.

Project Impact is about moving people to take action and get the supplies, he added.

Those involved with the initiative know what their goal is, but now they must work to figure out how they are going to bring about the desired results.

It's not just about handing out pamphlets and then going home feeling good, said Jim Goltry, communication director/educational coordinator for the Red Cross' Tidewater chapter.

Goltry added that he and the other Project Impact partners will be transforming to generate new approaches on educating the public on the need to prepare.

"We are going to touch base with everyone in Virginia Beach," he said.

While community leaders involved with the plan say that build-

ing partnerships between businesses, city government, civic organizations and private citizens is essential for accomplishing Project Impact's objective, Goltry added that it is ultimately up to each individual to make it work.

"Unless people take action, it's not going to do any good," he stated.

However, Goltry is optimistic that the initiative will have a positive effect on the community. In fact, he anticipates many more people throughout the community will join the bandwagon.

"I think it's going to domino," he explained. "We are basically just getting started."

Jason Cowan of Cowan Construction and Design Inc. is one who already joined the pack. He said he partnered with the group because it was an issue he already was concerned about.

"My message is that we have grown into a throw-away society and we need to become more sustainable," he said.

Cowan stated that the building industry needs to become more like the auto industry, which is always looking for ways to make their products safer.

Homes should be built to withstand any possible peril, he said.

Many people he has found, "not think about their safety until a natural disaster like a hurricane strikes."

Cowan should know because that's when many of his customers decide to buy the storm and security shutters he sells.

"They call when [a hurricane] has been named or right when it's coming through," he said.

That is not the time to think about your family's safety, remarked Chuck Lennon, who was executive director of the Builders Association of South Florida during Hurricane Andrew.

Living through one of the worst hurricanes in recent history, Lennon was invited to speak at the Expo to offer tips on surviving a disaster.

"The thing that people don't realize is how disastrous these things can be," Lennon said.

He has no doubt that Project Impact will help the Virginia Beach.

"If you only have 100 people pick up something, they could save 500 homes," he explained.

Only time will tell what kind of an impact Project Impact will have here, Goltry is already looking forward to finding out.

"I'll be interested to see where we are March 24, 2001," he said.

Guilds gather for glimpse into trades of yesteryear

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people with a common interest," she said. "You don't have to have the skill to belong to the guild. If you're just interested in the preservation of the art, they encourage you to join their guild."

Representatives from the Tidewater Blacksmith Guild, Tidewater Quilters Guild, African-American Quilters Guild, Tidewater Weavers Guild, American Needlepoint Guild, Southeast Virginia Spinning Guild, and Tidewater Basketry Guild, among others, participated in the event.

Meredith Macdonald was among the members of the Tidewater Basketry Guild who shared their craft with event visitors. Among this guild's objectives are: preserving standards of excellence in design and workmanship, promoting public awareness of basketry as a craft and an art, giving guidance to weavers of all levels, and establishing a network for sharing topics of interest.

"We been coming to this event for six years," Macdonald said. "It was our first event as a group. We come to events like this to share what we do and to attract new members."

Dozens of Macdonald's baskets, woven from a wide variety of materials, were on display as examples of the basketweaver's craft. Her most prized creation was a white oak basket fashioned from oak that she split out with her own hands during a week-long basketry class she took in West Virginia.

"It takes you about three days split out enough to weave one basket, so you would work for that whole week for one basket," she said. "It was a wonderful experience."

Ed Morrison, a decoy carver with the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild, was also on hand to promote his craft and the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum.

"Our museum is located in the de Witt Cottage. The main reason we're there is really to preserve and perpetuate the historical wildfowl artifacts from this area, particularly the Chesapeake Bay and Back Bay regions. It's been a tradition for years and years," said Morrison. "We like to promote wildfowl arts. We have a lot of carvers in the guild. We have a lot of artists. We're dedicated to preserving the history of wildfowl in this area."

The handcarved decoys that Morrison had displayed were done generally in the style of the old working decoys. "Over time, we've come to embellish the original art form. The original decoys were quite crude because it really doesn't take a lot to attract a duck. If you've got something that generally looks like his species, you can usually attract a duck," Morrison observed. "Some of the decoys are done in such fine detail that they look like they can fly. I've done a few birds like that, but I'm trying now to stay more true to the original form."

Many of those who attended Gathering of Guilds this year were repeat visitors.

Jack Dunham has been coming for the last four years.

"I come every year — largely for the plants — and to take my family through the house and to look at the guilds," said Dunham. "My father was a blacksmith, so I always like to come and look at this. It gets better every year. I love it."

Tammy Morris brought her daughter Allison and a friend to see the Girl Scout exhibit and visit the Land House. "It's a wonderful thing — a part of history for the kids to learn," Morris said. "They had different patches and badges that the Girl Scouts earned from the 1920s on up, they had on display the different uniforms they wore and books they used. The girls were re-



Photos by Bob Ruessinger

FAST FINGERS. Meredith Macdonald of the Tidewater Basketry Guild holds a white oak basket which took a week to complete. It took her three days to split enough wood to weave the basket.

ally thrilled with that," she remarked.

Members of the Tidewater Blacksmith Guild — Pete Ciula, Tony Pirrone, and Scott McWhinney among others — turned out in force to demonstrate their craft and recruit new members.

"We operate out of Taylor Farms. We're really lucky. Taylor Farms has essentially donated space to us and built a replica of the forge that's in Williamsburg," said Scott McWhinney. "We do demos like this during the spring and fall for the kids as they come by, and they've been nice enough to donate that space for us. It's a wonderful situation."

"At an event like this, we're just trying to get more members for the guild because blacksmithing was a dying art that's been coming back since the '60s," McWhinney said.

Pete Ciula never forgot his boyhood encounter with a blacksmith in Wisconsin.

"Blacksmithing is something that I've always wanted to do, and now I'm there — 40 years later," grinned Ciula. "I'm glad that they allow us to come out here to the Land House and demonstrate what we have."

"Our guild has grown immensely in the last three years, and we're always looking for more members to join us," he said. "We're willing to educate anyone who wants to come out, and we're willing to be educated by anyone who has more knowledge than we do."

Sharon Smith, a leader with Dasy Troop 4019, was surprised at the number and quality of the



WELCOME. Joann McMurray, a Land House volunteer, enjoys greeting visitors and showing off the home during special events such as Gathering of the Guilds.

craftsmen and impressed with their knowledge of their crafts.

"We wanted the girls to see some colonial crafts. Our girls are asking questions, and they're more attentive than I thought they would be," said Smith.

Three years ago, the Virginia Native Plant Society was invited to hold their annual plant sale during the Gathering of Guilds.

"This has brought a different element to the program as well," said Vicki Harvey. "So the Gathering of the Guilds brings diverse audiences out — which is important for a museum. Every spark that we put out there could build a fire in somebody to try things."

Budget shows small growth

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also dropped by 33.6 positions while positions assigned to other categories to transportation and operations grew by 174 positions.

Spore pointed out that the city, by building "e-government" is moving into a 24 hour/7 day a week operation.

Also, schools would be funded within the revenue sharing policy, Bayside Library and the Third Police Precinct is being replaced, 21 schools are being modernized, the General Booth Fire Station will be built and the Sandbridge Fire Station are being replaced; the Pungo-Blackwater Library in the new Creeks Elementary School is being opened, as will the new Lynnhaven Boat Ramp and beach facility.

The Chesapeake Bay Center at First Landing State Park is being staffed, seven new city-funded roadway projects and seven others in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Transportation are included, 27 fire fighters and police officers are being added and the consumer affairs office expanded.

The infrastructure maintenance will be addressed by increasing funding by \$14.9 million and adding 13 positions for maintenance programs, staff is added to the human service areas to address child protective service needs, and some of the oldest neighborhoods are being revitalized. Spore said that these programs can be accomplished without a tax rate increase because of economic development efforts.

Spore said investment partner-

ships are paying off. An investment of \$7.9 million over the last 10 years is now returning \$7.3 million each year.

Also, automated solid waste service will be extended to townhouses, consumer protection services would be expanded.

Pay ranges will be structurally adjusted two percent and city employees will get up to a 4.5 percent merit increase on their merit date.

Schools also will be implementing new pay plans resulting in higher salaries and have set aside sufficient funding for a step increase.

If necessary, both systems will provide a \$10 per month increase per employee in health insurance contributions beginning in January.

Police officer, fire fighter and recruit levels will receive a five percent pay range adjustment due to

the market survey.

The capital improvement program includes:

- The construction of General Booth Fire Station.

- Construction of Princess Anne Library, the replacement of two bridges.

- The improvement of 11 major intersections.

- Four schools will be added to the modernization program.

- \$72.4 million will be used to renovate and rehabilitate other school sites.

- The juvenile detention center will be moving forward.

- Lake Holly and Old Beach neighborhoods will see improvements.

- Mount Trashmore will be re-graded.

- Pedestrian/bike trails will be constructed along sections of Shore Drive.

Citizens back outdoor plan

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preservation. The victory was 61 percent over 39 percent.

In Ocean County, N.J., with a higher population and somewhat lower household income, voters approved a property tax levy and revenue bond in 1997 to preserve natural land, water quality and farmland. The votes were the same. Similar successes were counted in Austin, Texas, Portland, Oregon, Colorado Springs, Colorado, West Palm Beach, Florida.

In Virginia Beach, the object is to develop an attractive environmentally sensitive open space system to include trails, greenways and scenic waterways, beaches, parks, natural and agricultural areas and scenic road corridors.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley said if city would be looking for sources of funding other than the local taxpayer. Parks and Recreation Director Sara Henley said it was important that everyone gets something, as the city found out

when it was funding the recreation centers.

The staff, which has had two public meetings, plans to have five more and a public information open house.

Frankenfield said he would have cost figures and the public involvement necessary with his draft report in July.

The first area being considered — the Bayfront, Bayside, Little Neck, Great Neck and Oceanfront planning areas, has an estimated 1999 population of 180,459 or 41 percent of the total city population.

The area has 2,871.85 acres of state parks; 241.52 acres of school parks; 861.48 acres of quasi-public acreages; 324 recreation facilities, six golf courses, 25.2 miles of trails, 10.8 miles of public beaches and 10 heritage resources.

For all the favorable comments in the poll, 20.6 percent of the population see no need to expand or improve recreation areas, facilities, or activities in Virginia Beach.

Parish nurse commissioned

Registered nurse Denise Bradley will be commissioned as parish nurse at the Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church, 2217 West Great Neck Rd., Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. The parish nurse is a volunteer in the church community and is sanctioned by the American Nurses Association and the State Board of Nursing.

Bradley will have completed a three-month parish nurse ministry training program at Bon Secours Hospital and will be making a one-

year commitment of four hours per week of ministry to the church.

During the year she will initiate a health care ministry to assist members of the congregation in their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being to do this, Bradley will conduct health screenings, lead educational workshops and make home visits to the most needy.

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Trash to treasure

Your trash may be someone else's treasure. Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation invites you to a Spring Flea Market at Owl Creek Tennis Center on Saturday, April 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For those interested in selling items, spaces are \$10. Reservations are required by April 12. No commercial vendors permitted. For further information call Seateck Recreation Center, 437-4858.

Annual Duathlon

Great Neck Recreation Center will hold the second annual Duathlon on Sunday, April 30 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants aged 18 or older will compete in a half-mile swim and 5K run. The cost is \$20 and reservations are required by April 21. For further information call Great Neck Recreation Center, 496-6766.

Get to your roots

The fourth annual Genealogy Fair will be held Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Virginia Beach Central Library. Presented by the Virginia Beach Genealogical Society, the event will include speakers, vendors and exhibits. Margaret Hoffman, a court records expert, will be the lead speaker with "Three Hundred Years of Court Records." Craig R. Scott, CGRS, will speak on "Using Military Bounty Land to Your Advantage" and "Cash or Credit: Buying Federal Land."

For registration information see www.rootsweb.com/vavghs.

Family play

Tidewater Playback Theatre Troupe will present an evening of improvisation. March's theme is "Fairy Tales, Jammies and Bedtime Stories." Remember putting on your pajamas and getting into bed to hear your favorite bedtime story? Relive childhood moments by sharing favorite bedtime stories. All ages are welcome, especially families. Playback performers will bring your stories to life with music, movement, sound and short dramas. The date is Friday, March 31 at 8 p.m. at The Heritage Center, 314 Laskin Road. Admission is \$6 adults, \$4 children. Call 496-6904 to reserve seats.

Spring crafts

The 14th annual Virginia Beach Spring CraftMarket will be held April 14-16 at the Virginia Beach Pavilion, 1000 19th St. Hours are Friday to Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. More than 250 fine artists and craftspeople from across the nation offering fine arts, pottery, jewelry, wood, stained glass, quilts, welcome wreaths, garden statuary, porcelain dolls, wooden toys, folk art, baskets, gourmet delights, spring fashions, outdoor collectibles, patio furnishings, fresh herbs and specialty plants. Also, enjoy Heritage Celebration—an area of master quilters, weavers, spinners and potters demonstrating techniques used to design and create their individual crafts. Admission is \$5 adults; under 12 free. For \$1 off admission bring a donation of canned food to benefit the Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia. For information call Linda Shell or Steve Jahnke, 486-0220.

Gardening event

The Kempville Area Library, 832 Kempville Rd., will present Master Gardeners of Virginia Beach and other garden care experts with displays and handouts, answering questions and discussing lawn care, on Thursday, April 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This program is being sponsored by the Extension Services of the Virginia Beach Agriculture Department. Many books on lawn and garden care will also be available for checkout to library customers. For further information call the library, 495-1016.

Elderly help

The Citizens' Committee to Protect the Elderly is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that offers assistance programs. The Volunteer Visitors Program provides companionship to residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. It also offers information and guidance for those who are considering placing a loved one in a nursing home or assisted living facility.

The organization is accepting volunteers who wish to visit residents in need of companionship at nursing homes and assisted living facilities or who may wish to help coordinate and implement community service projects. There are openings for volunteers who would enjoy being part of our office staff. Call 498-8600, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

High-tech Picus estimates 1,000 new jobs within next two years

By Deanne Brady
Correspondent

When America Online first came along, most people didn't know it existed. But today it is hard to find someone who hasn't heard of "aol."

At last week's ceremony celebrating the beginning of construction for Picus Communications' worldwide headquarters in Virginia Beach, that is the same scenario many at the event said they envision for this 16-month-old company.

"It is exciting to think of where this company will be in 10 years," said Virginia Secretary of Technology Donald W. Upson, keynote speaker for the occasion. Picus executives, Mayor Meyera E. Oberndorf and Upson are hoping the telecommunications company is just the first in a whole slew of other high-tech companies to come to Hampton Roads.

"I think it's potentially the next tech center for Virginia," noted Upson about the Tidewater area becoming more like Northern Virginia.

Upson said that in three years everyone in the country could know about Picus and, as a result, other technology companies will be drawn to the area.

"Watch the people that follow," he stated.

Upson was so impressed with the company that he became Picus' most recent customer that day.

Picus Chairman and CEO Mohammad Koochekzadeh credits Oberndorf for taking the city to a higher level in business development.

"She has made Virginia Beach look so attractive to Picus," he noted.

As a result, Koochekzadeh is building the company's headquarters in a 30-acre corporate park under development near Bonney Road and Independence Boulevard.

Picus began in 1998 as the first telecommunications provider to offer business and residential customers one monthly fee for Internet access and local and long distance telephone service.

The company is also serving several other areas along the East Coast, and its officials anticipate it will quickly expand into all the cities from Florida to Maine.

When Picus began it had 22 employees. Today, the company has 220 on staff with most of them in the Hampton Roads region. Picus is expected to have about 500 when its workers move into the new offices in December, and a year later it is anticipated to bring nearly 1,000 jobs to the area.

Company officials have no idea how much revenue they will bring to the city, but they said they would be adding significantly to the job base and tax pool.

Picus Executive Vice President

Thomas Flake explained that the company will bring higher paying wages than industries like tourism and the military.

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Veteran Jacocks picked as new Beach police chief

Police veteran and acting police chief Alfred Miller "Jake" Jacocks Jr. has been named Virginia Beach's police chief effective immediately.

The announcement follows an intensive nationwide search, with more than 40 applications received for this position.

Eventually, the field was narrowed to six finalists who met with leadership from the department and the community before an extensive interview process. The finalist group was then reduced to the top three outstanding candidates.

Upon making the decision, City Manager Jim Spore said, "We're fortunate we had such excellent candidates from which to choose. All of the finalists are to be congratulated on their achievements and the manner in which they presented themselves to the interview panels. It was a grueling process aimed at getting the best of the best and we did."

"Acting Chief Jacocks has distinguished himself in his 28 years with the Virginia Beach Police Department, especially in his senior management capacity as Deputy Chief and Acting Chief. I have every confidence that his leadership will help keep Virginia Beach the safest city our size in the nation."

An official appointment ceremony is expected within the next week.

Boomerangs and other flights of fancy

Virginia Beach soars into spring with weekend fair

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

"It's not all in the wrist, but a good 'snap' will probably yield the best results."

Virginia Beach resident and 1991 World Boomerang Champion John Koehler will share his secrets to success Saturday during Flight Fair 2000 from noon to 4 p.m. at Mt. Trashmore.

The annual spring fling is the city's remedy to shaking the winter blues and showcases all that defies gravity and flies through the air.

Enthusiastic and easygoing, Koehler is the perfect pitchman for the sport, which he hopes will ultimately be accepted into the Olympics. In September, he'll travel to Sydney, Australia for the 2000 Games as co-captain of the Foster's beer promotional Boomerang 2000 Team.

Koehler got involved in boomeranging in 1986 while attending a barbeque at a friend's home.

"I'd always been into typical throwing sports—football, Frisbee—the kind that you need eye-hand coordination," he said.

When Koehler went into his friend's garage to retrieve a bag of charcoal, he spied a red, plastic boomerang on the wall and was immediately intrigued.

"I asked him 'Hey, does this work?'" he said. "It had two wings and was what people typically think of as a real boomerang. Some people won't even consider a three-bladed boomerang."

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Photo by Victoria Hecht

THEY'RE ALL BOOMERANGS. John Koehler, Virginia Beach resident and 1991 world boomerang champion, shows off some of the many types of boomerangs. He'll appear Saturday at Flight Fair.

Science students test laws of physics

By Aune Kirk
Correspondent

About 400 middle and high school students from Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth and Virginia Beach woke up early Saturday morning and swarmed into Ocean Lakes High School by 9 a.m.

They soon joined with fellow students and formed teams to take part in the 12th annual Physics Olympics.

"Physics is the study of natural physical phenomena such as gravity, electricity, or behavior of fluid," explained Jim Cook, Ocean Lakes' physics teacher.

At the high school level students study motion, sound, light and fluid in physics. It is one of sequences in the science series that includes Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

"Usually, physics is taken by juniors or seniors because it requires more math," he said.

The teams met in the cafeteria and were given initial instructions and six events to complete. They had 20 minutes for each event. The events included a penny barge, a catapult, slow drop, building a magnet and constant acceleration race.

Alyson Walker, a sixth grader at Kemps Landing enrolled in Tidewater Community College's (TCC) gifted program, tried her hand at the catapult. The idea was to send a koosh ball over a barrier and into a target area.

"This is about force, aim and timing," she said. "And gravity."

Her Loosh went up but fell short of the target area.

In another event, Aimee Miller and Charles Kirland struggled with designing an electromagnet using two batteries, six feet of copper wire, nails and tape. They also had use of scissors and sandpaper.

The object was to pick up as many paper clips as they could from a Styrofoam cup and drop them outside the cup.

The team of eighth graders from Rosemont Middle School did not successfully complete the event because the batteries were dead.

But they took it all in stride as just part of the experiment and the learning process, and went on to the next event.

"I like science," Kirland said, as he prepared to participate in the constant accelerated race.

He may inherit that trait from his father, Jack, who works in electronics in the Navy. His father understood the events and said it gave the "students a good knowledge of science."

He pointed out that by connecting the copper wire to the positive and negative ends of the D batteries and then wrapping the nail with wire will create an electromagnetic field.

"The more wraps on the nail, and the closer, the better the electromagnetic field," he said.

A common use for that is in junkyards, Kirland said. The cranes use an electromagnet to pick up the pile of crushed cars. It is also used on trains in Japan and China.

Charles Kirland said he has constructed the penny barge before when he was in sixth grade. He found if he made the tin foil barge square instead of like a traditional boat, it would hold more pennies. He maintained he once designed one to hold more than 50 pennies. The record on Saturday was about 29.

He also did well on the slow drop, which was to create an object that would fall as slowly as possible to the ground without hitting anything. The objects al-



Photo by Aune Kirk

TESTING THE LAWS OF PHYSICS. Teams competing in the Physics Olympics at Ocean Lakes High School built a makeshift catapult and launched soft balls in an exercise examining the "energy force that pushes things up and pulls them down."

lowed were a fixed number of coffee filters, rubber bands, toothpicks, paper clips and sandwich baggies. Items could be bent, folded or mutilated, but the mass of the object couldn't be changed.

Kirland used two coffee filters held together by a paper clip on one side and a half of toothpick on the other.

"Most people had too many things holding the filters together, and most required more surface area," he said.

Kirland said the project would be useful in developing better parachutes and aeronautics.

The teams scored points for each event with the maximum score of 100 per event. Prizes were awarded to first, sec-

ond and third place winners in both the middle school and high school division.

The winners in middle school were: Larkspur, first; Norfolk Academy, second; and, Larkspur, third.

The winners in the high school division were: Ocean Lakes, first; Ocean Lakes, second; and Great Bridge, third.

The Physics Olympics is the brainchild of Dr. David Wright, who teaches astronomy and physics at TCC. He will use some of the same events next year, but will also come up with some new ones to challenge the students.

"Most Olympic events are physical," he said. "We wanted to make something using knowledge."

Commentary

OPEC PUTS SQUEEZE ON GAS PRICES

Penny pinching at the pump

Now is the time to be fuelish, not foolish. For only the fifth time in its 98-year history, AAA has issued fuel-conservation instructions for motorists struggling with the strain of record-high fuel prices.

One look at prices at the pump and you'll know why.

The steep increase in gasoline prices brought on by OPEC's oil squeeze in the last 12 months has created a hardship on millions of American motorists. Only on four other occasions has AAA issued fuel conservation guidelines: World War II, the two oil embargoes of the 1970s and the Persian Gulf War in 1990.

It's time for all motorists to become "Gas Watchers," advises Georgeanne Blumling, director of public affairs for AAA of Tidewater. Adopting a Gas Watcher's beliefs would benefit all motorists, but especially younger drivers accustomed to paying low gas prices and those on low or fixed incomes.

Being a Gas Watcher is about changing one's driving attitudes, practicing good vehicle maintenance and finding creative ways to save money.

AAA recommends 10 tips on saving gas and money to get you started:

■ If you own more than one vehicle — especially if one of those is a less fuel-efficient truck, SUV or van — use the more fuel-efficient vehicle as often as possible.

■ Consolidate trips and errands to cut down on driving time and keep needless miles off the odometer.

■ Find one location where you can take care of all banking, grocery shopping and other chores.

■ Slow down. The faster a vehicle travels, the more gas it burns.

■ Avoid quick starts and sudden stops, which wastes fuel.

■ Routinely maintain your vehicle. Keeping tires inflated, moving components properly lubricated and ignition and emissions systems operating properly will help your vehicle achieve maximum fuel economy and extend its life.

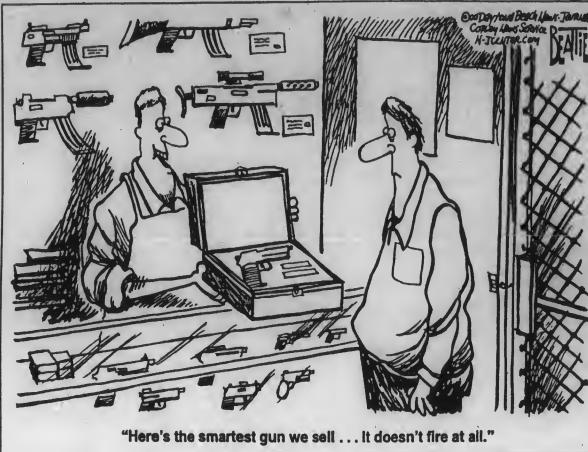
■ Lighten the load. Don't add extra weight in the passenger compartment, trunk or cargo area.

■ Check your vehicle owner's manual. If your vehicle does not require premium or midgrade fuel, purchase less expensive regular unleaded gas.

■ Shop for low gasoline prices locally, but don't waste gas driving to a distant filling station to save a few cents.

Blumling advises that effective use of energy is a learned behavior. It's about doing more with less.

And your wallet will feel better too. — V.E.H.



"Here's the smartest gun we sell... It doesn't fire at all."

Letter to the editor

Citizens come before special interest groups

Editor:

Mayor William E. Ward delivered a State of the City Address to what can only be termed special interest groups. While it is certainly appropriate to have the mayor of our city deliver an annual State of the City address, I feel that it would be more appropriate that it be delivered to the residents of the city before being delivered to any special interest groups.

The mayor serves at the pleasure of the residents through their vote, not at the pleasure of special interest groups through their purse strings, or does he?

The residents of our city are treated by the city administration and the mayor as a collective Rodney Dangerfield — they get no respect. When the mayor receives a communication from a resident, whether by phone, U.S. mail, e-mail or fax, it would seem to be a matter of courtesy to at least return the phone call or acknowledge receipt of the communication. The residents (taxpayers) provide the mayor with a fax machine, voice mail and Internet access. Is it asking too much to receive common courtesy from the mayor in return?

I wonder if the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce or the First Union Bank are ignored like the residents are. I doubt it.

Mr. Mayor, where are your priorities? Are you so sure of re-election that you can ignore the residents of this city?

All eligible voters of the city will soon be called upon to cast a vote for the person to serve as our mayor for the next four years. If you are happy with a mayor that represents special interest groups to the exclusion of the residents of our city, I encourage you to vote for Mr. Ward.

If you want representation on council and recognition that your problems and concerns will be fairly and efficiently dealt with, if you want respect as a taxpayer resident of this city, then I encourage you to vote for James Thomas Walz, Ph.D., who, in my opinion is a highly qualified candidate for this most important office. In any event, please vote. Your vote is crucial to the future of our city.

Arthur J. Guertin Jr.

Chesapeake

Guns, liberty and freedom — let's get real!

Smith and Wesson deserve the heartfelt gratitude of concerned parents everywhere. Unlike the National Rifle Association, this

shows responsible and mature leadership when it comes to gun safety. Not only will it manufacture all of its guns with trigger locks, it has promised to put "smart guns" (i.e., guns that can only be fired

Perspectives

By Eileen Huey, columnist

by their owner) on the market in three years time.

Even more courageous was Smith and Wesson's commitment not to allow any of its guns to be sold at gun shows unless every gun sold at that show is subjected to background checks to prevent felons, mentally disturbed and minors from buying firearms. It is obvious the Republican Congressmen who have insisted for years that such background checks would destroy gun shows is nothing but political phooey. The real reason they blocked all gun-safety legislation with that bogus claim is to please the NRA so that its hundreds of thousands of campaign money would keep flowing into their coffers.

Keeping children safe is everybody's business. But when it comes to firearms that fall into the hands of young children (often leading to their deaths or the death of their classmates), it is especially a concern for those who profit from both their manufacture and sale.

Yes, gun owners themselves are the primary responsible party for the safekeeping of their lethal weapons. They are expected to be vigilant at all times to insure that those weapons are kept beyond the reach of children. But human nature is imperfect, and mistakes will be made. At least a weapon secured by a trigger lock means those mistakes won't have to end with a dead child.

Personally, I can't understand why anyone would want to own any gun, or even a deadly knife. But then I couldn't kill anything, so I am hardly typical of most citizens, and would not expect to use my own feelings on this subject as any kind of gauge.

It is certainly reasonable for those who enjoy hunting to want to own firearms, and equally as sane for persons to own weapons for the purpose of self-defense or the defense of their loved ones.

But there is nothing rational about asserting that you need a gun to defend yourself against the government.

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Like your guns are going to make a hill of beans worth of difference if our government is ever able to turn the world's most powerful military against you! Let's get real here.

It's a great deal more sane for us to rely upon the morality of those who serve in our armed forces, trusting them not to use force against American citizens no matter what the government orders them to do.

That's how the French Revolution succeeded, by the way. The king had all the guns, but when he ordered his soldiers to fire upon their fellow citizens, they refused and allied instead with the citizens against their oppressive government.

But then France had a conscript army that was made up of men from the populace-at-large. They believed every citizen had the duty to his country to serve in its armed forces.

And that was even under monarchy; never mind how much more that

should be true in a democratic republic such as ours. Now that America no longer believes in a citizens' militia, maybe those who fear future government tyranny may have a point after all.

Suppose the recent trends of elitism, exclusion and alienation of our professional army from the average citizens of American society continues over a long period of time. Already, we see signs that many members of the armed forces believe they are unappreciated and treated unfairly by an ungrateful nation.

Just as disquieting is the increasing politicization of our armed forces. Hopefully, we are not heading toward a day when our military no longer represents a broad cross-section of our society, but becomes instead a monolithic institution that supports one political faction or ideology. Historically, whenever that occurs, a coup is never far behind.

Still, those who worry about the need to defend our future freedom from an overly-powerful government with tyranny in its heart are foolish to put their eggs in the basket of heavily-armed individuals. Individuals won't be worth a plug nickel against an organized force.

The only force that can prevent the usurpation of power by the state is an organized citizens' army, whose loyalty is first to the people themselves. Only a "well-regulated citizens' militia" can insure that a free people stay free. That is why our founders made that statement so clear in the Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights.

So if the members of the NRA are truly worried about preserving our liberty and freedom (as they loudly proclaim at every turn), then why aren't they lobbying for a return to a citizen-based armed forces?

Not that I hear its member or its leaders demanding a return to the draft. Could that be because the draft would mean responsibility, not just rights? Why, American might actually have to again sacrifice for our freedoms, not just demand them.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters to the editor from readers who wish to reflect upon or take issue with other views. That's what this page is for, the sharing of opinions: yours, ours and those of our columnists and cartoonists.

Please share your thoughts with fellow readers by faxing to 548-0390.

The writer's name, address and telephone number must be included. We do not print unsigned letters. We reserve the right to edit. Thank you.

So long, old friend

It is a strange and sad feeling to have talked to a friend once or twice a day about recent events and to crack a joke or two and then suddenly the

calls come no more — your friend died of a heart attack.

This was a special friend — he was also my doctor. James Foster Crosby was a unique man. He had an exterior that one might consider gruff, but in reality his heart was as soft as a

The Real World

By B.J. Sessions, senior columnist

feather pillow. We had a lot in common, and impatience was one of those traits. Mediocrity was another, so we had a lot to talk about.

Sometimes Jim would have a run-in with a medical supply house, or some other business that was not very friendly to its customers. It would send him off like a skyrocket. The first thing he would do would be call me. We would talk for a while until he calmed down, then he would thank me for listening and then go on about his business.

I used to kid him about charging him for my time. We served together on the Chesapeake Hospital Authority for many years, and I helped him with many projects that he was involved in. Somehow he attracted people who needed help in one way or the other.

Sometimes it was medical help, where the patient didn't have any money or insurance. Many times I have known him to examine the patient at no charge and then pay for the medicine that he prescribed. Since I am retired, I guess he felt I didn't have much to do anyway, so he would include me in his projects.

Once a lady walked into his office from off the street. She was very sick with a respiratory problem and had no money or insurance. During the discussion with her he determined that although she had a room, she had no bed and had been sleeping on the floor. After he had finished with her, he called me to find a bed for her. He kept her in his office until I located a bed and some covers for her.

I then went to his office and picked her up and delivered the woman to her apartment. The last we heard from her she was doing well. Together, we gave her a little money to help her through. Jim seemed to be doing something like that all the time.

Several years ago when I was coaching a boxing team in the recreation department we needed a doctor at ringside during the fights. He did it for free and insisted on paying his way in.

I could go on and on about Dr. Crosby, but he was a modest man and I don't think he would want me to. So, I'll just say so long, old friend. I'll miss you and your phone calls.

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Let's look at the bright side of high gas prices

Pulling up to the gas pumps these days is akin to taking out a small mortgage. And if you've got a larger vehicle, like my Jeep Cherokee, expect to dole over close to \$30 for a fill up.

Whew! Welcome to the real world, America. We've been spoiled rotten for years, sweating when fuel prices reach — gasp — \$1.25 a gallon. Would-n't-love-to see those days again?

Just a year ago, gas was below \$1 gallon, as little as 79 cents for the regular "cheapie" variety in some places. With prices as high as they are these days, people who once purchased supreme or supreme plus for their vehicles are getting by on regular.

Funny, though, that the Americans should complain about the price of gas. In other countries, citizens pay double, triple, even quadruple what we shell out for a gallon. A comparative study I read said that our friends in the United Kingdom pay something like \$5 for a gallon of gas — yet they still stop for "petrol." Now we know why they drive those "mini" cars — better gas mileage!

We could learn a thing or two here

in the United States, where gas prices are edging toward \$1.80 in some places. Anything below \$1.50 is a bargain these days.

And guess what, folks? My gas car would love to climb!

I like to think there are some positives to this situation. That's me, the optimist who looks at the glass as half full rather than half empty.

With gas prices so high, perhaps people will stay home with their families more. True, we have to go to work and still run our errands. But what about that discretionary time?

I envision an America where families are clustered around the television watching "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire?" (those winnings could purchase lots of gas) or engaging in friendly games of Monopoly or Scrabble.

I see a United States where people — forced to save fuel to save their dollars — start thinking about the environment more and how all this driving is affecting the air quality. I see an America where people will rethink their vehicle purchases, buying economy and gas-efficient cars over status vehicles costing tens of thousands of dollars. I never understood how folks could shell out for a vehicle what others might spend on a modest home.

I see people driving more conscientiously — at 55 rather than 75 — because you get 20 percent better fuel economy at 55 miles per hour. And at 55 you're safer, too. So, yes, gas is high, but I guess it's not all that bad when you consider what our worldwide neighbors pay. And it's not so bad if you look at the "upside."

Hey, with prices like these, you've got to think positive!



Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

Safety Council has served Beach 30 years

The Virginia Beach Safety Council (VBSC) is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization whose primary purpose is to promote safety and well being throughout the city of Virginia Beach. This organization has been in



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Mayor Meyer Oberndorf

existence for more than 30 years to serve the safety needs of the citizens of Virginia Beach. The VBSC promotes safety to the citizens of Virginia Beach in many areas. In conjunction with the Mayor's Office, the VBSC recognizes individuals who perform acts of

heroism in the boundaries of the city of Virginia Beach while attempting to save another life.

Some examples of past recipients of this prestigious award are: the youngest recipient, a 4-year-old child who dialed 911 in order to save his mother's life who was in a diabetic coma; a police officer who entered a burning automobile and extricated the driver and saved his life, receiving first and second degree burns in the process; and a father and son who teamed together to perform a water rescue on an unconscious victim from a jet-ski accident.

They performed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and moved the victim to shore for the Emergency Medical Services personnel.

The VBSC and the Mayor's Office have recognized more than a hundred individuals over the many years of the Safety Council's existence.

Additionally, the VBSC offers to the public, the national Safety Council's (NSC) Defensive Driving Course, which is approved by the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles as a Driver Improvement Clinic.

This clinic has been in operation for more than 15 years and students who complete this training receive five positive points adding on their personal Virginia driving record. This

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driving clinic is one of the oldest clinic in the Hampton Roads area. Accordingly to the driving laws in Virginia, Virginians are permitted to complete this training every two years in order to receive the five positive points.

The VBSC offers this training twice a month at the Virginia Beach Fire Training Center on South Birdneck Road. The monies generated from these classes are utilized for grants to many agencies who promote or provide safety related function to the citizens of Virginia Beach. Another area of training that the Safety Council provides is the national Safety Council's (NSC) First Aid and CPR course.

This course is open to the public or business sector and certification is included. This training has been extremely helpful to businesses who are attempting to comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards.

The Virginia Beach Safety Council membership includes the members of Police, Fire, Rescue, American Red Cross, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, AAA Chapter and other concerned citizens. During their monthly meetings the Safety Council discusses safety issues that pertain to home, infant and children, traffic, OSHA and other safety related areas. Any person interested in becoming a member of the Safety Council should call 459-3463.

Herb Maher, the city's safety technician and president of Virginia Beach Safety Council, contributed to this column.

Junior League plans one Whale of a Sale!

The Junior League of Norfolk-Virginia Beach (JLNVB), in celebration of 75 years of serving South Hampton Roads families, will hold the biggest Whale of a Sale to benefit the projects of the league.

On Saturday, April 1 area residents can find high quality items, extensive selection and bargain prices at the biggest garage sale the Junior League has ever held. Taking place at the Knights of Columbus on Kennebec Avenue in Norfolk, the doors will open at 8 a.m. sharp and close at noon.

This annual event has raised tens of thousands of dollars to benefit JLNVB projects and to provide the community a wonderful opportunity to purchase quality items at bargain prices.

"Year after year we have been able to bring together a collection of great items to offer for sale to our community. This year is no different. Because we are celebrating the league's 75th anniversary, we worked harder to present a bigger and better sale event," said Chair Erin Brown.

"This year we wanted to reach out to our military neighbors too by holding the event at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Norfolk, a location much closer to bases than previous ones. The sale also lands on a payday!" Brown said.

Shoppers attending the Whale of a Sale can expect to find a wide va-

riety of children's clothing and toys, holiday items, housewares, copper items, exercise equipment, furniture, books, tapes and much more. New this year is Quality Corner, an area where new and high quality items can be found.

In past years, bargain shoppers have been able to find Waterford Crystal, Limoges porcelain and clothing still bearing store price tags.

The Junior League of Norfolk-Virginia Beach has, at the center of its efforts, the vision of creating positive change in the lives of children in South Hampton Roads. The league's major project, FORKIDS, Inc., formerly known as The Haven, is a five step program designed to help homeless families gain permanent independence and generational stability of their children. Activities include a literacy and reading program, a new computer lab and construction of a playground.

More than \$45,000 has been donated to FORKIDS, Inc. so far and thousands of volunteer hours have been logged by JLNVB members. The Junior League also donated more than \$7,000 last year to area nonprofit organizations through The Community Response Fund.

With a total membership of more than 480, the HLNVB has the power to change the lives of families and children in South Hampton Roads.

citizens a chance to conduct city business or communicate with their government online. I am looking forward to seeing who steps forward to help us build a responsive and responsible "virtual" city hall."

On vb.gov.com, citizens will be able to nominate themselves or others to be on the Commission. Vb.gov.com will also include information on interactive services the City of Virginia Beach if already providing to citizens along with links to web sites in other cities where e-government activities are also under way.

Up close and personal

Beth Stevens: Service is her way of life

By Victoria Hecht
Editor

Beth Stevens' ability to confront obstacles and make the most of challenges serves her well professionally and personally.

Several years ago, when the Virginia Beach resident learned she was going blind, Stevens embarked on a campaign for presidency of the Virginia Beach Jaycees. She not only won, but excelled, initiating new projects for the service organization.

While still an active Jaycee, these days Stevens is also putting her skills and determination to work as director of public support for the Portsmouth/West Chesapeake chapter of the American Red Cross. She has filled the post since November 1998 and previously worked with the United Way in Portsmouth.

As director of public support, Stevens is responsible for financial development and public relations for the Red Cross. Until recently she wore a third hat, volunteer coordinator for the organization.

"I believe that working with volunteers with the Jaycees really paid off," she said. "I always thought that I would end up working for a non-profit organization. Some people make choices in their life, and for me money is not the highest priority. For me, it's what I'm doing and where I work. Red Cross has been a worthwhile organization and gives you that intrinsic satisfaction."

Stevens believes her coming to the Red Cross was meant to be. While working as a loan executive at the United Way, whose office is right across the hall from her current workplace, she learned of the position. It appealed to her immediately.

She also liked the challenges.

"One is making the most of your resources — stretching that dollar. Being a non-profit organization, we take our stewardship and donors' dollars seriously. We try to do the best that we can on limited resources. You learn to be creative," she said.

The job comes naturally for her. "I like to talk, so it gives me an audience to listen," she smiled.

Stevens can often be found touting the Red Cross' many services — from blood drives to disaster relief.

"But other people don't realize other things we offer, such as health and safety education. We offer more than 100 classes, ranging anywhere from first aid and CPR, which most people are familiar with, to healthy babies and pregnancy classes. We also have HIV and AIDS education. The list goes on."

A Jaycee since 1991, Stevens isn't shy about her devotion to that organization. It's even how she met her husband of eight years, Mack, and has played a big part in her meeting friends and getting involved in the community.

"I was new to the area and didn't really know anyone," Stevens said. "I met someone who was an 'exhausted rooster,' which is a member who has aged out, and I was interested in what Jaycees had to offer."

A life member of the Virginia Beach Jaycees, whose members are primarily young professionals, Stevens has long been active in leadership roles with the organization. She served as an advisory board member for Camp Virginia Jaycee, an outdoor recreational facility for citizens with mental retardation, and was a Junior Chamber International Senator. Only 1 percent of Jaycees worldwide attain this honor. She's also a past Virginia state officer.

In 1995, Stevens' affiliation with the Jaycees helped her cope with news that would change her life. At the time Stevens had gone back to school to become a teacher. She learned she was quickly losing her vision.

"It's a scary thing to wake up one morning and essentially not see," she said.

As a confidence booster — and because she knew "time was running out" for her sight — Stevens ran for presidency of the Jaycees, though a friend was also vying for the post. Afterward winning the office, Stevens shared her news.

That year proved a challenge. As her vision faded, Stevens knew she had to equip herself with the skills to function without sight. Eventually she had mobility problems, though husband Mack was a great help. At the end of her year as Jaycees president, Stevens was faced with the challenge of attending a state Jaycees convention without his assistance.

"I gave me the kick that I needed to say, 'I need help. I need to go through rehab,'" she reflected. "It's the only way I'll be able to go on with my life."

Stevens joined the Chesapeake Bay Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

"The group was wonderful because they had all been through this process. They were really encouraging in saying 'You can do this.' It was that moral support that everything was going to be OK."

Stevens signed up with the Virginia Department of Rehabilitation, which trained her with the skills for a sightless lifestyle.

"It was a difficult time to go through. But I never said, 'Why me? Why did this happen?' I firmly believe that God has plans and there's a reason for this. I put myself in His hands. But there is frustration in going from a fully functional, sighted person — artistic, creative, able to drive, avid reader



Age: 36.

Nickname: Beth.

As director of public support, Stevens is responsible for financial development and public relations for the Red Cross. Until recently she wore a third hat.

Occupation: Director of public support for the Portsmouth/West Chesapeake chapter of the American Red Cross. I am responsible for financial development and public relations.

Marital Status: Married to Mack Stevens for eight years.

Children: None.

Favorite movies: Any movie that involves science fiction or murder mysteries. "The Terminator" movies are great for their special effects.

Magazines I read regularly: None. I prefer to stick to novels.

Favorite night out on the town: Anytime I can go out with family and friends to enjoy their company.

Favorite restaurants: The Jewish Mother and Mom's Best Deli in Portsmouth.

Favorite meal and beverage: Prime rib dinner followed by a pina colada.

What most people don't know about me: I was a majorette in high school.

Best thing about myself: The ability to overcome adversity and utilize my creative talents.

Pets: Miniature schnauzer, Chelsea, 8, and a Persian cat, Silver, 13.

Hobbies: Reading. I read two to three books a week.

Ideal vacation: That's easy. A two-week cruise to a beach.

Pet peeves: Poor customer service.

First job: Rides operator at Hershey Park.

Least liked job: Working on a grounds crew where I got a severe case of poison ivy.

Favorite sports team: Pittsburgh Steelers.

Favorite musician: Cher.

Most embarrassing moment: When I worked at a pet store I had to go to the emergency room for stitches when a scarlet macaw bit my finger. When the doctor said, "How did this happen?", I had to reply, "A bird bite."

How I would like to be remembered: As a good volunteer who gave back to our local community.

If I received \$1 million: I'd invest in the stock market until I had \$2 million. That way I could give generously to the charities I support.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would split my time between the American Red Cross and talking about living with a visual impairment.

— to giving it all up," she said.

Two years later, Stevens had adjusted to the new lifestyle and was looking for a new job.

"Your life's on hold, you've finished the rehab process. Now you've got to apply for a job. It's hard enough applying for a job, let alone that fear of explaining your disability to someone. What if they ask you to come in at noon for an interview — how do you get there if you don't drive? What if they hand you this job application and you can't fill it out? It's scary to get through all that."

Jaycees stepped in again.

"I went to a Jaycees meeting that night and Sarah from the Virginia Beach campus of United Way came to our meeting and said they were looking for loan executives. I knew I could do that — you go out and talk to people," she remembered.

Stevens immediately faxed over a resume. A friend gave her a reference, and she got the job. Though she lived in Virginia Beach, Stevens knew she wanted to work at the Portsmouth office. She settled into the job seamlessly. Her transition to the Red Cross went just as well.

"The community over here is so nice," she said, "and I didn't have to move my office far! I just carried my equipment across the hall."

She credits her success to the Chesapeake Bay Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CBCBVI) Impaired, which she once served as president.

"The number of blind people out in the workforce is so limited compared to other disabilities. I was fortunate. I finished rehabilitation in March and had a job in June," she said. "The Virginia Department of Rehabilitation gave me the tools I needed to get back to work. I believe if you want to work — truly want to work — you can."

For more information on the Virginia Beach Jaycees call 499-8822. For more information on the Red Cross in Portsmouth/West Chesapeake call 393-1031. For more information on the CBCBVI call 424-0356, or check out the website, www.hometown.aol.com/cbcbvi.

Name: Elizabeth Stevens.

Hometown: Brockway, Pa.

What brought you to this area: The beach. When I graduated from college I decided to move to an area I liked to look for a job. My father was in the Naval Reserves, so we used to have family vacations in Virginia Beach.

Flight Fair takes to sky

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Kochler took the boomerang out for a spin, and soon he was hooked.

"I knew I could do something with this sport. It was a sport small enough, and I was athletic enough — that I could go all the way. It wouldn't be like breaking into golf or basketball," he said.

Kochler confesses that he became a "boomerang maniac," making his own and practicing all the time.

"My wife used to call me in for dinner. I'd be out in the field throwing and say, 'OK, just one more!'"

The first tournament he attended was the Boomerang National Championship in Atlanta, Ga., at the Atlanta Falcons' training camp.

"I could immediately see the U.S. had the best throwers in the world," he said. "Up until about 1986, the Germans fielded the best team."

There are plenty of stereotypes about boomerangs which Kochler dispels. Among them, that Australians are the best boomerang throwers in the world, or even the myth that boomerangs were invented down under.

The true Australian boomerang throwers are probably the Aborigines, but they would never consider it a competition. Boomerangs are one of their sources of survival.

"It goes against their whole culture. It would be like an American Indian getting into an archery contest," he mused. "It's not cool."

Boomerangs were not necessarily founded in Australia either. Kochler said they've been found in Egyptian tombs and all over the world.

On Saturday, Kochler will share his knowledge and tips on the sport. He'll be providing the boomerangs so others can give it a try. He often gives away soft, flexible, three-winged versions. "My advice is practice, practice, practice. It's a cool sport and people dig it."

Besides Kochler's demonstrations, other activities at Flight Fair 2000 include:

- Build-A-Kite and kite flying contest, March 25 marks the beginning of National Kite Month.

Although kites appeared in written history for centuries, the Chinese are often given credit for its invention around 2600 B.C. They have come a long way

since ancient kings dueling with them and Benjamin Franklin flew one during that now historic thunderstorm.

During Flight Fair, bring your own kite or make and decorate a simple starter Diamond kite on-site for \$2 (includes all materials).

- Bentwaters kite demos. Kiting in America is growing fast as people of all ages, including children as young as 3 years old, can enjoy it with a little help.

As the Beach's only kite store, Bentwaters will not only showcase and demonstrate kites such as traditional Diamond kites, Delta kites, single string and double string kites and stunt kites, but they will also have spinners, spin baskets, windsocks, windwheels, flags, banners and flying toys.

- "Wings Over Washington" stunt kite demos. Stunt kiting is the ability to move a kite through the air making it do what you want it to do.

Wings Over Washington, a recreational kite flying club from the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, will be demonstrating single line stunt kites including the box and Delta kites and two and four line stunt kites including the bag stunt kite.

They will also be discussing the differences between precision and ballet flying in singles, pairs and team flying within kite flying competition.

- United States Coast Guard HH-601 "Jayhawk" helicopter static display.

Crawl inside and become a helicopter pilot for a day. Officers from Coast-Guard Air Station in Elizabeth City will display a HH-601 Jayhawk, a medium-range recovery helicopter. The HH-601 is used to perform search and rescue, law enforcement, military readiness and marine environmental protection missions. Though normally stationed ashore, the HH-601 can land and take-off from certain Coast Guard Cutters.

- Radio-controlled airplane display. The Tidewater Radio Control Club will showcase more than 25 radio controlled giant-scale planes with wingspans from 70 to 80 inches.

Static displays will include World War I and II replicas of Mustangs, P-47's, Spitfires and ME 109's, as well as acrobatic plane replicas such as Caps 232, Extras 300 and PT-19's.

The club will also bring several trainer airplanes to explain how to get into the sport easily and inexpensively. No radio control airplanes will be flown.

Additionally, costumed characters and clowns will be on-hand. Other activities include an inflatable Moon Walk and Spaceship Crawl-Through, prizes and giveaways. Food will also be available for purchase.

Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 7, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 18, Block K, "Plat of level Green Subdivision, Site One, Part Three". Tax Map #1456-31-3069-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale. This sale is being made subject to the IRS right of redemption.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,600.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP995514 FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Between 8 - 11 AM Nectar Projects, Inc. Substitute Trustee, Inc. 751 Miller Drive, Suite G1 Leesburg, Virginia 20175 (703) 777-8619

Substitute Trustee
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE
IN RE: MARIA L. Sabaluro, Plaintiff v.
Christopher F. Sabaluro, Defendant

CASE NO. CH98-3462

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for a divorce A Mensa Et Thoro pursuant to Section 20-91(6), Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, on the grounds of desertion and for leave to merge said decree into a decree A Vinculo Matrimonii upon the expiration of the statutory period.

It is ORDERED that Christopher F. Sabaluro appear and protect his interest, on or before May 1, 2000, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: March 9, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE
IN RE: Regina Brown Hayes, Plaintiff v.
Kelvin David Hayes, Defendant

CASE NO. 00-338

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for a divorce a mensa et thoro, upon the grounds of desertion and the willful abandonment, to be later merged into a decree of divorce a vinculo matrimonii.

It is ORDERED that Kelvin David Hayes appear and protect his interest, on or before May 4, 2000, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: March 13, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

Public Notice

VIRGINIA: IN THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE
IN RE: Maria H. Walsh, Plaintiff v.
Lawrence N. Walsh, Defendant

CASE NO. CH00-737

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is for the Plaintiff to be awarded a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from the Defendant based on the grounds of having lived separate and apart for a period in excess of one year without cohabitation or interruption.

It is ORDERED that Lawrence N. Walsh appear and protect his interest, on or before May 1, 2000, which date is no sooner than fifty days after entry of this order of publication.

And it is further ORDERED that this order of publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Virginia Beach Sun, a newspaper of general circulation in this City prescribed by this court.

Date: March 10, 2000
J. CURTIS FRUIT, CLERK
By Valerie B. Haizlip, Deputy Clerk

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1032 Emory Place
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Vickie K. Bushnell and Carla L. Bushnell dated October 23, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3279, page 334 and re-recorded in Deed Book 3579, page 0999, securing a loan which was originally \$100,800.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing,

BUY.COM Virginia Beach Open tees off at TPC golf course May 15-21

A field of 144 of the world's best professional golfers will be in Virginia Beach May 15-21 for the inaugural BUY.COM Virginia Beach Open. Tour events will be held at the Tournament Players Club (TPC) of Virginia Beach, the city's newest golf facility.

The Tournament field will consist of BUY.COM Tour top money winners as well as qualifiers from this year's Tournament who will compete for a \$400,000 prize purse. The four rounds and awards ceremony of the BUY.COM Virginia Beach Open will be broadcast live on the TPC Channel to more than 30 million households worldwide. The week's events also will include an Open Qualifier event and a Pro-Am competition.

"The BUY.COM Virginia Beach Open is the culmination and validation of the city's efforts to upgrade and expand its golf offerings, making Virginia Beach as a bonafide golf destination," says Ron Kuhlman, sales and marketing director for the Virginia Beach Department of Convention and Visitor Development.

The BUY.COM Tour supports local and regional charitable organizations in the communities where its events are held, and more than \$2.9 million was generated for charities in 1999. The BUY.COM Virginia Beach Open will benefit the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Hampton Roads. Local co-sponsors of the BUY.COM Virginia Beach Open are Cox Communications and ACS Systems and Engineering, Inc.

The tour marks the first year of

operation of Virginia Beach's \$15 million championship Tournament Players Club golf course, fulfilling a long-term vision of Virginia Beach City Council through a partnership with the PGA. In step with its one-year anniversary, TPC of Virginia Beach also becomes the first TPC course in the country to host a BUY.COM Tour event. The 18-hole par 72, 7,432-yard course is the only daily-fee TPC course open to the public from Maine to the Carolinas, and was designed by Pete Dye and Curtis Strange.

Formerly the Nike Tour, the BUY.COM Tour is a proving ground for budding professional golfers hoping to secure a berth on the prestigious PGA Tour. BUY.COM Tour alumni have collected 72 PGA Tour titles, including a record 19 titles in 1999. David Duval, Tom Lehman, Ernie Els, Jim Furyk and Jeff Maggert are among former Nike Tour alumni now leading the ranks on the PGA Tour.

An Open Qualifier event will be held on Monday, May 15 at neighboring Hell's Point Golf Course to fill 14 slots in the BUY.COM Virginia Beach Open final rounds. The competition is open to any professional or amateur golfer with a handicap of two or less. For more information or to register, call the Mid-Atlantic PGA, (540) 720-7420 or fax, (540) 720-7076.

The BUY.COM Virginia Beach Open is looking for volunteers to help with Tournament and pre-Tournament activities. Volunteers will receive a BUY.COM golf shirt

and hat, a commemorative volunteer badge, free meals, weekly Tournament passes, and an invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation Party. People who work two or more shifts will receive a free round of golf at TPC. For more information or to register to volunteer call, 431-1436 or 422-0083.

The course events at the TPC of Virginia Beach is designed for spectators. Tickets for all BUY.COM Tour events may be purchased for single events or in a variety of sponsorship packages. Ticket package prices range from \$100 to \$2,000, and include single day and weekly passes, parking privileges, sponsor recognition and admission to the corporate hospitality pavilion. Single day tickets are available at \$5 per day for events Monday through Friday, and \$10 per day on Saturday and Sunday.

The schedule for the BUY.COM Virginia Beach Open is:

- Monday, May 15, Practice rounds, Junior Golf Clinic, Open Qualifier.

- Tuesday, May 16, Pro-Am pairings, Special Events.

- Wednesday, May 17, Pro-Am Tournament.

- Thursday, May 18, First Round, BUY.COM Virginia Beach Open.

- Friday, May 19, Second Round, BUY.COM Virginia Beach Open.

- Saturday, May 20, Third Round, BUY.COM Virginia Beach Open.

- Sunday, May 21, Final Round, BUY.COM Virginia Beach Open and Awards Ceremony.

Picus

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"Picus can improve the standard of living [here]," said Flake.

While the company may have a few things to offer Virginia Beach, Upson stated that the city also is a desirable location for high-tech companies like Picus. It has a predictable and stable workforce, it offers competitive wages and a great quality of life, he explained.

Obendorf stated that the timing of the Picus venture couldn't be more perfect. A week earlier the mayor unveiled her plan for a virtual city government, where residents will be able to go online to take care of city business. Together both projects are part of her strategy to move the city into the high-tech age.

The mayor added that while she is no technology guru, she has taken notice of the signs of the times.

"I know when a revolution is in process and I don't want to be dragged by it," she explained.

Instead, Obendorf said the city will be part of it and will prosper as a result of it.

"We will have the address," she stated. "We want companies to know that east of Richmond...we are open for business."

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE SALE
6108 Tradewinds Court
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Neal W. Pinkerman and Lynn M. Pinkerman dated April 24, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3608, page 2189, securing a loan which was originally \$89,150.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of

Unit 2139, in Building E, in that certain condominium entitled Great Neck Landing, Tax Map #2408-37-4523-4250.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$6,500.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA.

NP006478 FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Between 8 - 11 AM Nectar Projects, Inc.



Retired officers support Princess Anne NJROTC

The Hampton Roads Chapter of the Retired Officers Association made a \$500 donation to the Princess Anne High School NJROTC Unit in support of its 15th annual Cavalier Drill Off. The March competition held at Little Creek Amphibious Base was attended by eight high schools from Virginia and Maryland, with 42 plaques and medals awarded. Presenting a check to the unit commanding officer, LCDR Tammy Mendoza, is CDR Pat Grillo, president of the local Retired Officers Association. Looking on are naval science instructor LCDR Richard Conway, Capt. Larry McCullough and the Princess Anne Corps of Cadets.

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Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 7, 2000 at 8:02 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 7, in Block G, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Charlestown Lakes South, Section 2, Part 'G,' Washington Borough, Chesapeake, Virginia, Kempsville Borough, Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #0381-0070080.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$9,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: Conventional. NP996224

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
4928 Mandan Road
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Peter A. Del Toro and Sharyl M. Del Toro dated April 24, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3609, page 1193, securing a loan which was originally \$77,850.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 14, 2000 at 8:00 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot Twenty-six (26), in Block One (1), as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Pocomoke Village", Tax Map #1477-13-7843-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$7,400.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA. NP006816

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
5591 New Colony Dr.
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Susan V. Huffman dated December 19, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3569, page 1492, securing a loan which was originally \$61,247.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing,

Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 21, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 6, in Block A, a plat entitled "Jamestown at Whitworth Landing, Section One", Tax Map #1466-03-4902-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA. NP006852

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
313 Palling Lane
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Robert G. Swigart dated April 17, 1996 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3607, page 1283, securing a loan which was originally \$58,600.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 7, 2000 at 8:01 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 6, Block S, Subdivision of the Woods at London Bridge, Section 3". Tax Map #1497-77-9226-0000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$5,700.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: VA. NP995714

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

TRUSTEE SALE
1464 Eddystone Drive
Virginia Beach, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Myrna C. Prodigal and Mirasol Z. Copon dated September 10, 1998 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in Deed Book 3549, page 1129, securing a loan which was originally \$89,341.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the Municipal Building #1, near the corner of Princess Anne & North Landing, Virginia Beach, Virginia on April 7, 2000 at 8:03 A.M., the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as:

Lot 22, in block G, as shown on that certain plat entitled "Subdivision of Rosemont Forest, Section 9, Part I, Kempville Borough,

Virginia Beach, Virginia". Tax Map #14659253880000.

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of \$8,800.00, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA. NP006658

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
751 Miller Drive, Suite G1
Leesburg, Virginia 20175
(703) 777-8619

Public Notice

Virginia:
The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach will be held in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Municipal Center, Princess Anne Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia, on Tuesday, April 11, 2000 at 2:00 p.m., at which time the following applications will be heard:

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:
DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE

1. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach for a Change of Zoning District Classification from B-1 Neighborhood Business District, O-1 Office District and AG-1 Agricultural District to O-2 Office District on certain property located 1050 feet more or less northwest of the intersection of North Landing Road and West Neck Road (GPIN #1494-61-6856; #1494-51-6777). The proposed zoning classification change to O-2 is for office and related land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for government facilities consistent with the recommendation of the Princess Anne Corridor Concept Plan and other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 13.11 acres, more or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
DISTRICT 2 - KEMPVILLE

2. An Ordinance upon Application of Crown Communications for a Conditional Use Permit for an extension to an existing 150-foot monopole tower on the west side of Princess Anne Road at the intersection with Baxter Road (GPIN #1466-77-8336). Said parcel is located at 4901 Princess Anne Road and contains 13.176 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPVILLE.

DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE
3. An Ordinance upon Application of Sprint PCS for a Conditional Use Permit for a communications facility (flag pole) at the northeast intersection of Diamond Springs Road and Northampton Boulevard (GPIN #1469-11-6333). Said parcel is located at 1300 Diamond Springs Road and contains 1.742 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Hale Bostel, Inc., a Shore Drive Marine for a Conditional Use Permit for boat sales and small engine repair at the northeast corner of Shore Drive and Roanoke Avenue on Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 26, Section B, Ocean Park (GPIN #1489-39-9001). Said parcel contains 26.189 square feet. DISTRICT 4 - BAYSIDE.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Bruce Mirman for a Conditional Use Permit for recreational and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature on Lots 7 through 22, Block B, Flat of Shorrocks (GPIN #2427-16-8417; #2427-16-9571). Parcel is located on the north side of 15th Street extending between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Avenue and contains 40,000 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:
DISTRICT 6 - BEACH
6. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Albert W. Jensen. Property is located at the northeast corner of Bells Road and N. Birdneck Road. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

All interested parties are invited to attend.
Ruth Hodges Smith, MMC
City Clerk

If you are physically disabled or visually impaired and need assistance at this meeting, please call the CITY CLERK'S OFFICE at 427-4303; Hearing impaired, call TDD only at 427-4305 (TDD - Telephonic Device for the Deaf).

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia. A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. **PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE. AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWS-PAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.**

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinances.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

1. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Brenda Cuffee and Albert Rowsey. Property is located on the north side of Alphas Drive on Lots 43A and 44A (GPIN #1487-88-07301; #1487-88-1707). DISTRICT 5 - LYNNAHVEN.

2. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Jerrold L. Miller. Property is located at 1242 N. Lynnhaven Road (GPIN #1498-46-5206). DISTRICT 5 - LYNNAHVEN.

3. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Herbert B. Davis, II. Property is located on the west side of Salem Road, 947.74 feet south of Meadow Ridge Lane (GPIN #1484-05-1302). DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

4. An Ordinance upon Application of Richard S. Harris for a Change of Zoning District Classification from R-5-D Residential Duplex District to Conditional I-1 Light Industrial District on certain property located on the west side of Holland Road beginning at a point 164 feet more or less north of Dam Neck Road (GPIN #1495-15-5131). The proposed zoning classification change to Conditional I-1 is for light industrial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for business parks, offices, industrial and employment uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.084 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Ms. Mabel Parsons for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-12 Apartment District to R-5-D Residential Duplex District on the north side of 16th Street, west of Park Avenue (GPIN #2417-86-8104). The proposed zoning classification to R-5-D is for single family and semi-detached residential land use on lots no less than 5,000 square feet for single family dwellings and lots no less than 10,000 square feet for duplexes. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/medium and high densities that are compatible with single family. Said parcel is located at 805 16th Street and contains 7,000 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
6. An Ordinance upon Application of Oceana Development LP for a Conditional Use Permit for a

bulk storage yard on certain property located on the north side of Central Drive beginning at a point 1000 feet more or less west of London Bridge Road (GPIN #1496-89-1420). Said parcel contains 3.465 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

7. An Ordinance upon Application of Centura Bank for a Conditional Use Permit for a drive-through facility of financial institutions at the southwest corner of Pacific Avenue and Laskin Road (GPIN #2428-01-2948). Said parcel is located at 3002 Pacific Avenue and contains 13,939 square feet. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

8. An Ordinance upon Application of Charles G. Barker for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales (expansion) on the south side of Laskin Road, east of Maxey Drive (GPIN #2407-47-8648). Said parcel is located at 1931 Laskin Road and contains 1.23 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

9. An Ordinance upon Application of Spirit Rent A Car, Inc., DBA Carterms USA for a Conditional Use Permit for a motor vehicle rental operation on the east side of S. Independence Boulevard, north of Bonney Road Relocated (GPIN #1477-43-7489). Said parcel is located at 116 S. Independence Boulevard, Suite #104, and contains 4.35 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

10. An Ordinance upon Application of Wawa, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation, for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile services (fuel sales) in conjunction with a convenience store on certain property located at the southwest corner of Rosemont Road and Sentara Way (GPIN Parts of #1487-61-3955; #1487-61-4854; #1487-61-3786). Said parcel contains 1.88 acres. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

STREET CLOSURE:

11. Application of Charles G. Barker, Jr. and Susan L. Barker for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Southern Boulevard beginning at the eastern boundary of Kentucky Avenue and running in an easterly direction a distance of 725.86 feet. Said parcel is 50 feet in width and contains 36,293 square feet. DISTRICT 3 - ROSE HALL.

12. Application of Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Cardinal Road beginning at the boundary of Earlington Court and running northwesterly to its terminus. Said parcel is variable in width and contains 1.78 acres. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNAHVEN.

AMENDMENT:

13. An Ordinance upon Application of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to amend Section 401 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to agriculturally-related recreational and amusement activities in the AG-1 & AG-2 Agricultural Districts.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE:

14. Appeal to Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Frank T. Williams Farms. Property is located on the east side of Princess Anne Road, 300 feet more or less south of Old Pungo Ferry Road (GPIN #2309-73-5629; #2309-93-1026; #2309-93-7637; #2319-22-3454; #2319-04-2543; #2309-85-9370; #2309-95-5853; #2319-16-9062). Said parcel contains 455 acres or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
15. An Ordinance upon Application of Frank T. Williams Farms for a Conditional Use Permit for an Alternative Residential Development on certain property located on the east side of Princess Anne Road beginning at a point 300 feet more or less south of Old Pungo Ferry Road (GPIN #2309-73-5629; #2309-93-1026; #2309-93-7637; #2319-22-3454; #2319-04-2543; #2309-85-9370; #2309-95-5853; #2319-16-9062). Said parcel contains 455 acres or less. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION:

16. An Ordinance upon Application of James Harrell for a Change of Zoning District Classification from I-1 Light Industrial District to B-2 Community Business District on certain property located at the northwest corner of Norfolk Av-

enue and Cypress Avenue (GPIN #2417-94-4482). The proposed zoning classification change to B-2 is for commercial land use. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban residential/medium and high densities that are compatible with single family uses in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 1.73 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:
17. An Ordinance upon Application of James Harrell for a Conditional Use Permit for automobile services (fuel sales) on certain property located at the northwest corner of Norfolk Avenue and Cypress Avenue (GPIN #2417-94-4482). Said parcel contains 1.73 acres. DISTRICT 6 - BEACH.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 2/12/00

18. An Ordinance upon Application of Hampton Road Fundraising Foundation, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for an indoor recreational facility (multi-recreational, meeting and bingo hall) on the east side of S. Military Highway, north of Providence Road (GPIN #1456-13-3354; part of #1456-23-4515). Said parcel is located at 964 S. Military Highway and contains 6,075 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

DEFERRED BY PLANNING COMMISSION ON 3/8/00

19. An Ordinance upon Application of M.M. Gunter & Son, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for the expansion of an existing borrow pit 500 feet more or less east of Bermuda Street beginning at a point 1100 feet more or less south of Seaboard Road. Said parcel is located at 2737 Seaboard Road and contains 15 acres. DISTRICT 7 - PRINCESS ANNE.

20. An Ordinance upon Application of Pastor Jose Flores for a Conditional Use Permit for a church on certain property located on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, west of Davis Street (GPIN #1467-38-9209 & #1467-48-0402). Said parcel is located at 5516 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 14 acres. DISTRICT 2 - KEMPVILLE.

21. An Ordinance upon Application of Newlight Baptist Church for a Conditional Use Permit for a church and family life center on property located on the east side of Church Street, south of Indian River Road (GPIN #1465-09-6213; #1465-09-5155; #1465-09-2292). Said parcel is located at 1244 Church Street and contains 2.25 acres. DISTRICT 1 - CENTERVILLE.

22. Application of Friends School of Virginia Beach for the discontinuance, closure and abandonment of a portion of Donna Boulevard beginning at a point 350 feet more or less south of Laskin Road and extending around a curve in a southwesterly direction to the eastern terminus of Donna Boulevard (GPIN #2407-98-6099). Said parcel contains 14,612 square feet. DISTRICT 5 - LYNNAHVEN.

All interested parties are invited to attend.
Robert J. Scott
Planning Director

Copies of the proposed ordinances, resolutions and amendments are on file and may be examined in the Department of Planning. For information call 427-4621.

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